AMMAN (J.T.) — Secretary General of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestinic (DFLP) Nayef Hawatmeh Monday stressed the need for Palestinian-Jordanian coordination to foll "partial and unilateral agreements with Israei." In a statement to the Arabic and the Jordan Times following his arrival, Mr. Hawatmeh said coordination with Jordan and the other Arab countries bordering Israel "is essential to protect Palestinian and Arab rights." He said that the Oslo agreement and the resulting Sept. 13 agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had dealt a severe blow to this coordination. Mr. Hawatmeh, who is based in Damascus, is a frequent visitor to Jordan. Damascus, is a frequent visitor to Jordan.



## Hamas will not surrender fugitives

AMMAN (R) — The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, vowed AMMAN (R) — The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, vowed Monday not to surrender activists sought by Israel and denounced the surrender of members of Yasser Arafat's Fateh. Hamas said the surrender Sunday of eight members of Mr. Arafat's mainstream faction to Israeli forces in the occupied Gaza Strip was a "dangerous move which was carried under instructions of the PLO leadership to its activists." This is "a negative phenomenon coming from the orders of the PLO leadership and carries dangerous signs... "We call on the Fateh fugitives and other factions to hold steadfast in this phase and not heed the defeatist steps of the Palestinian leadership," Mohammad Nazal, the Jordan representative of Hamas, told Reuters. He vowed that "Hamas fugitives will continue their resistance to the enemy and will never give themselves or their weapons up to the enemy and will never give themselves or their weapons up to the occupation authorities." Palestinians say Hamas fugitives form the largest number on Israel's wanted list and Sunday's surrender (see page 2) brought to 19 the number of Fateh militants who have taken Israel's amnesty offer. Hamas says their fugitives may number less

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## **U.N.** car missing at Iraq-Kuwait front

KUWAIT (AP) — United Nations observers said Monday one of the cars they use to patrol the emirate's volatile border with Iraq was missing. A newspaper report said it was stolen by Iraqi troops. If confirmed, the theft would be the latest border incident following a series of shootings and incursions over the past two months that coincided with work on a defensive border trench Kuwait is digging. Abdul Latif Kabbaj, spokesman for the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM), would not give any information on when or how the car disappeared. He also refused to comment on a report in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan that the vehicle was seized by Iraqis in the border area Sunday night after they threatened the two unarmed officers riding in it and made them get

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### **GCC** to improve security cooperation

ABU DHÀBI (AFP) — Interior ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Monday discussed a common strategy to improve security cooperation, at a meeting here ahead of the annual GCC summit in Riyadh next month. Security officials said the strategy included standardising arms and other systems used by GCC police and civil de-fence forces, joint training, cooperation on immigration and airport security, informa-tion exchange and joint action to combat drugs and terrorism. The ministers, from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, also discussed a proposal on open bor-ders for their nationals, in line with their stated target of integration. The strategy was mapped out by interior ministry undersecretaries at talks last week.

### **Kurdish protesters** arrested in Paris

PARIS (AFP) — Police arrested 50 Kurdish protesters in central Paris Monday as they gathered for a demonstration to protest a countrywide swoop last Thursday against alleged sympathisers of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). French authorities banned the demonstration on Sunday. Twentyfour of 111 Kurds picked up last Thursday were indicted on Sunday on conspiracy and terrorism charges (See page 2). Three of the 23 were freed and 21 remanded in custody, among them the two alleged leaders in France of the separatist PKK, Gultekin Kavak, 27 and Sercan Aydin, 29.

## India, South Africa establish full ties

NEW DELHI (AP) - After five decades on the front line of the anti-apartheid movement, India established full diplomatic relations with South Africa on Monday. Foreign Ministers Dinesh Singh and R.F. Botha of South Africa signed documents to open embassies in the two countries and hold regular meetings between officials. "This is a historic moment," Mr. Botha said after signing the two-page agreement. "I look forward to a new era of friendship." With more than one million people of Indian origin in South Africa, India was an early campaig-ner against the policy of racial discrimination.

## Pakistan alieges

Indian firing ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Indian troops have sprayed a Kashmir border school with machinegun fire, seriously wounding a teacher and two students, the official Associsaid Monday. The "unprovoked gunfire from across the tine of control dividing the Pakistani and Indian parts of Kashmir occurred Sunday in the Toron area, APP said. Three machinegun bursts were fired at the government-run middle school in the second such attack on the school this month, the agency said.

# King opens 12th Parliament today

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein today opens the 12th Parliament with a traditional speech from the Throne in which he is expected to address the peace process, the economic situation, and the democratisation process in the Kingdom among other issues of

local and regional importance. The two houses of Parliament will then hold separate sessions in which they will choose committees to respond to the King's speech.

The Upper House of Parliament (Senate), which was announced Thursday, will elect its permanent office, which includes deputy and assistant speakers and members of its various committees after senators take the oath.

The Lower House will then go into session after taking the oath under the chairmanship of the oldest deputy to elect a speaker, two deputy speakers and two assistant speakers.

The elected speaker will then chair the meeting of the House and deputies-elect will choose a committee to respond to the King's speech and form other committees in accordance with the internal regulations of the House.

Former Prime Minister Taher Al Masri appears set to win his bid for the speakership of the House after many deputies and at least two of the four parliamentary blocs indicated

they would support him.
The 18-member bloc of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) is fielding Tafileh Deputy Abdullah Akaileh but most observers believe Dr. Akaileh will not pose a serious challenge to Mr. Masri.

Observers say the IAF will support Mr. Masri against other candidates at a second

GAZA CITY, occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Troops shot dead a Palestinian suicide

bomber as he tried to ram a

stolen garbage truck into an army vehicle on the edge of Gaza City Monday, military officials said.

turned over after the fun-

damentalist, carrying a home-

made grenade and a knife with

an Islamic Jihad inscription,

was hit by three bullets.
Soldiers, who opened fire from the vehicle at the head of

a convoy, escaped unharmed.

from Gaza City, and a member

of Islamic Jihad died shortly after in bospital, Palestinian sources said. He was the 1139th Palestinian to die from

Israeli bullets since the upris-

ing began in December 1987.
It was the sixth suicide

bombing Palestinians have car-

ried out since Sept. 12, The eve

of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation autonomy deal,

but not a single Israeli has been

The fundamentalist Islamic

Jihad in Palestine Organisation said it carried out the suicide

In a statement released in

Amman, the movement said "two fighters of the Seif Al Islam Brigades, our armed wing in Palestine, carried out

an attack with a truck on a vehicle of the Zionist civil

administration in southern

The statement said the

Israelis "claimed the incident

caused no casualties within

martyred after being fatally

wounded and the second was

arrested after throwing a gre-

nade at the occupying sol-

The organisation, which is

opposed to the Israeli-PLO

autonomy accord, said it would

continue attacks against the

Zionist occupation forces until

"One of the fighters was

Gaza Monday."

their ranks.'

attack.

Moamar Saleh Hussein, 20,

The truck crashed and

round of balloting if none of the contenders for the speakership win the required absolute majority at the first round and if it becomes certain that

Dr. Akaileh is out of the race. The 22-member Democratic Progressive Coalition (DPC), a bloc formed on Sunday by nationalist, leftist and centrist deputies-elect, is expected to support Mr. Masri and so is the eight-member Jordan National Front (JNF) if it does not field candidate of its own.

Fawzi Tuaimeh, spokesman for the National Action Front, has said two of the 18 members of his bloc are interested in running for the speakership.

Observers believe, however, that the bloc will not be able to field a successful candidate because an NAF candidate will not be able to win an absolute majority at a first round of balloting and the IAF is expected to vote against him if he is one of the two contenders at a second round.

The NAF, which was formed last week under the leadership of Karak Deputy-elect Abdul Hadi Al Majali, is expected to give a vote of confidence to a government headed by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali. The IAF strongly opposes

The government is constitutionally required to ask the House for a vote of confidence no later than 30 days after it convenes. Dr. Majali is expected to retain his position, but observers expect him to form a new government or introduce a limited reshuffle to the current Cabinet before he asks for a vote of confidence from the House.

Observers say the maiority of the new deputies will not challenge the government's policy on the peace process and the Kingdom's International Monetary Fund (IMF)-

Gaza 'suicide bomber' killed

Sunday (AFP photo)

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Movement Hamas claimed re-

sponsibility for the five pre-

vious suicide bombings in

which the five attackers all

However, 30 Israelis were

hurt on Oct. 4 when a bomber

slammed a carload of explo-

sives into a bus near army

headquarters on the West

army was studying safety mea-

sures to prevent further suicide

bombings.

Meanwhile Hamas claimed

responsibility for throwing two

grenades at a Gaza City police

station Monday. No damages

Also Monday, the army con-

firmed it sent orders to some

reserve soldiers to show up for

duty in late December to over-

or injuries were reported.

Military sources said the

The Islamic Resistance

An unidentified Fatch Hawk member gets a hug from a relative as he is released after giving himself up to the Israeli army

sponsored economic adjustment programme. But they expect the new House to press the government hard on "bread and butter" issues which dominated the election campaign.

Observers say the new deputies will require government commitments to deal more effectively with unemployment, poverty, services and other issues pertaining to the direct needs of the electorate before they give the government a vote of confidence.

Such concerns took prominence over major political issues when parliamentary candidates vied for the support of voters during the country's first multiparty elections since 1956.

The IAF and some independent Islamist, leftist and pan-Arabist deputies are expected to withhold confidence from the government because of its policies on the peace process and commitment to the economic adjustment programmes, but most observers say such a bloc will not pose a real challenge to the government.

IAF sources say that at least 30 deputies will jóin an opposition bloc that rejects the peace process and the economic adjustment programme.

Demands for measures to improve the living standards of the electorate are also expected to be raised during the discussion of the draft budget law, which is expected to be presented to the House immediately after the vote of

confidence on the government. Observers and deputieselect dismissed suggestions that the new House will be easily handled by the govern-ment saying the 12th Parlia-ment will "be as lively as its predecessor."

Only the focus of the House will shift, observers say.





His Majesty King Hussein is briefed Monday by Interior Minister Salameh Hammad on a new building for the Interior Ministry

# Foundation stone laid for Interior Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Mon-day laid the foundation stone for a new Ministry of Interior complex at Irjan in northwest Amman and listened to a briefing on the project to be carried out by the Ministry of Public Works.

The 5,493-square-metre building will cost JD 1.6 million, the King was told.

According to the Ministry of Public Works, the building will be ready for occupancy by\_July 1995.

King Hussein unveiled a commemorative plaque at the site before he laid the foundation stone. Interior Minister Salameh Hammad delivered an address, noting that the new complex would enable the employees to implement programmes to better carry out their duties.

Present at the ceremony were Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali, Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi. Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and other

A plan is being worked out to detail which roads and

equipment will be used for the

officials, including the directors of General Intelligence and Public Security departments.

It was later announced that King Hussein conferred on Mr. Hammad the Jordanian Al Kawkab Medal of the First Order in recognition of his efforts and performance

# Israel-PLO talks resume in Egypt today

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Sunday following his return the Strip. (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) hold autonomy talks in Cairo Tuesday and in the Sinai town of El Arish for the first time Wednesday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokesman said

Monday. The Cairo track, focussed on security issuese under the Sept.

13 autonomy deal, had been scheduled to resume Monday, but was delayed a day to allow Mr. Rabin to brief his delegates, spokesman Gad Ben Ari told AFP.

The discussions in El Arish, Egypt, will cover the transfer of civil authority to the Palestinians who are due to take charge of health, education, direct taxation, tourism and social welfare for the five-year interim period in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of

Mr. Ben Ari said Mr. Rabin met the Israeli delegations on from a 10-day visit to North America and was to see them

again Monday. . General Gadi Zohar, head of Israel's military administra-tion on the West Bank, will lead the delegation in El Arish, the spokesman said. The Palestinians will be led by Ramallah businessman Jamil Tarafi, according to Israel Radio.

Troops are due to start a four-month withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho from Dec. 13

(see page 10).

Reserve army units who will dismantle Israeli military installations on the Gaza Strip and Jericho have been called up for the end of December, military sources said.

The withdrawal will last four months under the Palestinian autonomy deal.

house the troops pulled out of

The units will also have the job of preparing new bases to

rithdrawal, the sources said. Some of the bases could be handed over to the new Palestinian authorities and others destroyed.

The operation will be launched once agreement is reaching at talks in Egypt to implement the autonomy

An Israeli proposal to keep troops on the Gaza Strip after

Dec. 13 caused a brief breakdown in the talks but the two sides are now heading for a compromise under which soldiers will guard the 4,000 Jewish settlers who live in Gaza. The army pulled some sol-

diers and equipment out of the largest military base in Gaza City, overnight Saturday-Sunday.

People living near the "seafront" camp saw troops and

the night and part of the site. which also includes a border guard post and a jail holding 240 Palestinians, was deserted

open space Sunday. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will pay official visits to Greece this week, a Greek government spokesman said on Monday.

Mr. Peres will arrive Tuesday for talks with Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias. spokesman Evangelos

Penizelos said. Mr. Arafat will arrive on Wednesday for a one-day visit and will meet Mr. Papandreou and Mr. Papoulias as well as Arab ambassadors in Athens.

he said. Government officials declined to say how long Mr. Peres would stay and whether there would be an Arafat-

# U.N. frees 7 more **Aideed supporters**

Aideed's chief financier Osman Ato and two other of his top aides. The three are being held separately at a secret loca-

they would be tried by a Soma-li or an international court.

But Gen. Aideed, who made his first public appearance in five months last week after the U.N. cancelled its order to arrest him for allegedly master-minding the killings of peacekeepers, has met

Robert Oakley.

U.N. military officers gave the ex-detainees a wad of Somali shilling for bus fare home after they walked out of

the Mogadishu University

The seven sarong-clad men, mostly in their 20s and 30s, clutched plastic bags containing their personal effects as they boarded battered pickup trucks used as communal taxis and vanished into Mogadishu's dusty, rubble-strewn streets.

Ahmad Warsame, 44, said he had been arrested in a raid on his home by U.S. Rangers. They detained me because I am a supporter of the SNA" (Gen. Aideed's Somali National Alliance), said Warsame, who described himself as a businessman.

"They asked me if I knew where Aideed was," he said.

Abdul Kadir Abdi Hussein,

"I don't know why," he said.
"Now I must look for a job."
U.S. soldiers meanwhile just outside Mogadishu.

# **Aziz begins talks** with U.N. envoys UNITED NATIONS (AP) -

Iraq Monday began a round of intensive discussions and lob-bying aimed at persuading weapons experts and the U.N. Security Council that the U.N. oil embargo should be lifted. But the current talks were not expected to lead to swift

lifting of the embargo, especially at a time of tension along the Iraq-Kuwait border and reports of an alleged Iraqi poison gas attack on Shiite Muslims in southern marshes.

Lifting the devastating oil embargo is tied specificially to Iraq's fulfillment of certain weapons-related conditions, but the United States and some other council members first want compliance with all ceasefire terms.

Tareq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister and best known envoy, met Security Council President Jose Luiz Jesus to press for lifting the embargo. He later met Secretary-General Boutros Ghali and other U.N. officials.

He made no comment to reporters on the sessions. In the afternoon Mr. Aziz was to meet privately at the residence of Irag's U.N. ambassador with council and other diplomats. He was expected to meet there in the

evening with Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. commission charged with monitoring Iraq's

Verde, was to brief the Secur-

ity Council members behind closed doors on the morning session with Mr. Aziz.

The U.N. trade embargo,

which includes an oil embargo, has caused great hardship to the vast majority of the Iraqi people and Iraq urgently seeks relief. Some council members, such as Morocco and Pakistan. also favour easing sanctions on humanitariann grounds and argue that Iraq has made prog-

After the Gulf war the coun-

(Continued on page 10)

see troop withdrawal from

Under the Israel-PLO

accord, withdrawal is to begin

Dec. 13 and to be completed

Attached to the order was a

letter saying: "As you know, Israel is involved in a process that I hope in the end will lead

to peace ... and I hope you also

want to take part in this pro-

cess." The letter was signed by

an army major.
Israeli dailies which pub-

lished the letter Monday said

several reserve soldiers plan-

Army officials said the ma-

jor acted on his own in plug-

ging the peace process. They

would not comment on the

date of Dec. 29 cited in the

letter as the start of the with-

ned to refuse service.

drawal operation.

Gaza and Jericho.

by April 13.

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — United Nations forces Monday released from detention seven supporters of warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, who freed a captured American pilot and a Nigerian soldier last month. The U.N. still holds 19 Somalis including General

U.N. officials said some detainees would probably be charged with "militia activity." They did not specify whether

Gen. Aideed's insistence that the U.N. free all prisoners has been an obstacle to negotiations with the world body, diplomats said.

Washington's special envoy

the U.N. detention facility at

compound.

U.N. spokesman David Stockwell described them as 'low-level players."

They questioned me four or five times.

33, who used to work as a translator for foreign journal-ists, said he had been held for "almost two months."

test-fired Howitzers into the Indian Ocean from positions

military industries. The commission also is in-

vestigating reports on the use of poison gas in the south, But U.N. officials said Monday that there was no official report yet on the findings. Later Monday Mr. Jesus, who is the ambassador of Cape

ress in meeting ceasefire terms. The security council imposed a total trade embargo, including an oil embargo, upon traq after its invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. It regularly has reviewed sauctions and decided to maintain them. the last time on Nov. 19.

cil continued sanctions to en-

(Continued on page 3)

# Lebanon marks Independence Day with hope for better times

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon celebrated its 50th independence anniversary Monday with a military parade in Beirut and festive marches in an Israeli-occupied border en-

Shortly before the ceremonies began, Iranian-backed guerrillas of Hizbollah attacked Israeli troops in Israel's self-styled "security zone" with mortar fire:

Security sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. said there were no casualties in the attack on Tallousah, where an Israeli-armoured platoon is stationed at the zone's central

edge.
The hostilities underlined the shakiness of Lebanon's independence with troops from foreign armies still stationed on its territory after two civil wars and two Israeli invasions.

President Elias Hrawi took the review stand flanked by Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri as well as senior government officials and Arab and western diplomats

Army commander General Emile Lahoud, dressed in a navy admiral's uniform, watched from another podium across the street as the parade un-

White pigeons were released and a 21-gun salute boomed, signalling the start of the 80minute parade at 9 a.m. (0700 GMT).

Three 1950s-vintage Hawker-Hunter jet fighters that make up Lebanon's combat air force thundered at low level over skeletal, shell-pocked buildings overlooking the mid-

PARIS (Agencies) — Twenty-four Kurdish militants have

been placed under investiga-

tion for possible involvement

in a terrorist conspiracy, judi-cial sources said Monday.

The 24 are suspected sup-

porters of the Kurdish Labour

Party (PKK) which is fighting

for independence from Tur-

Twenty-one of them were

remanded in custody late on

Sunday night, including two suspected leaders of the PKK,

Gultekin Kavak, 27, and Ser-

Investigators said those

placed under investigation ran

volutionary taxes" on Kurdish

and Turkish businesses in

France to fund the military

key, the sources said.

can Aydin, 29.

wing of the PKK.

city museum crossing where the celebration was held.

The crossing was a no-man's land throughout the 1975-1990 civil war, dividing Beirut's western and eastern sectors. Thousands of people were killed by sniper fire or shelling on the crossing from militias.

The parade was held under tight security. All approaches to the scene were sealed off by troops and police. People watched on balconies from a distance, or on television.

This is the real hope for us, I mean for the people," said Samira Yazbeck, a 26-year-old Maronite Catholic schoolteacher as she pointed to the parading troops. "Without them, peace annot reconstruc-tion cannot be safeguarded."
For Ahmad Natour, a Shiite
Muslim vegetable vendor, "the army is the people's defender against the morons from all

Since the end of the civil war, Sen. Lahoud has restructured the army on non-secta-rian basis and boosted its number from 37,000 to 45,000, including 12 combat brigades each made up of 2,500 Muslim and Christian soldiers.

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Columns of U.S.-made M-48 and Russian-designed T-55 tanks, and U.S.-made M-113 armoured personnel carriers equipped with anti-aircraft guns, rumbled past the stand under clear skies.

Taking part for the first time were jeeps mounted with armour-piercing guns that were part of a U.S. consignment of military aid extended three months ago.

They were rounded up on

Thursday in a nationwide op-

eration aimed at preventing

attacks on Turkish targets later

this month, officials said.

Police also rounded up another

77 people in the same swoop but they have since been re-

Under French law, a judicial

investigation must be opened

before charges can be brought

Daniel Jacoby, president of the International Federation of

Leagues for Human Rights,

said: "The aim is to please the

Turkish government which

does not respect human rights.

fragile and the case is fabricated artificially," he said.

Commenting on the round-

up and a similar operation

s are extrem

against a suspect.

An army women's bagpipe band alternated with military Brass bands in trumpeting the display of armour. It included 155-mm U.S.-made howitzers, 13-mm long-range Russianmade field guns and truck-mounted 40-barreled rocketlaunchers.

Lebanon was part of the Ottoman empire until World War I. It came under French mandate in 1920 and gained independence in 1943.

The eruption of the civil war in April 1975 has left the country in shambles with 70 per cent of its territory under Syrian control and 10 per cent under Israeli occupation.

In addition, a force of 5,600 U.N. peacekeeping troops, drawn from 10 countries, polices a South Lebanon zone that overlaps with Israel's "security zone".

In the Israeli-occupied strip in South Lebanon, students marched in the streets of Has-baya, Bint Jbeil and Marjayoun, provincial capital of the zone, waving Lebanese flags and shouting independence slogans.

Committed to peace

President Hrawi said on the eve of the independence anniversary his government was committed to achieving comprehensive peace in the Middle East but would not make any territorial conces-

sions.
"We will not be a stumbling stone in the face of peace, but we will not make any concessions over our right to our land and sovereignty," Mr. Hrawi said in a televised message on

There is an increased threat

(to terrorism), more risks, in

in France in particular," he

ign) political organisations and associations are taking advarl-

tage of France's hospitality and

using the freedom they have on

our soil to turn our country

into a rear base for terrorism.

Kurds victimised by the gov-

ernments in Turkey and Iraq.

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told TF1 Television.

Mr. Pasqua said.

Kurds under probe in France against suspected Algerian Muslim fundamentalists earlier this month, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said on Sunday that terror groups threatened France and Europe.

> Western Europe in general and discussed the crisis Diplomatic sources said the

Political sources said a dia-

logue between the feuding parties of Mr. Saleh and Mr. Beedh - who led North and South Yemen respectively before union in 1990 - was expected to begin in Sanaa on Monday and could mark the start of a thaw.



France Monday amid calls on the government to rid the country of foreign troops (AFP photo)

The sources said U.S. diplo-

mats have been in touch with Mr. Beedh and Mr. Hughes

was likely to visit Aden, the stronghold of Mr. Beedh's Ye-

Mr. Beedh retired to Aden

three months ago over differ-

ences with Mr. Saleh and his

General People's Congress

(GPC) on political and econo-

On Saturday Mr. Saleh met

members of Yemen's opposi-

tion parties who were trying to

set up a meeting between him

Abdul Rahman Al Jefry,

leader of the Yemen League

Party, said the three parties in

Yemen's ruling coalition were

close to agreement on a meet-

ing on Monday.

The three parties are the

GPC, YSP and Islah, which

emerged after last April's elec-

had talks on Sunday with Prime Minister Haider Abu

Bakr Al Attas, a YSP member,

and said: "The YSP has agreed

It was not clear if Mr.

Beedh, who has not met Mr.

Saleh for three months, was

to lead the YSP delegation to

Mr. Saleh told opposition lead-

ers he was ready to attend the

meeting regardless of who headed the YSP team.

Deputy Premier Muiahid

Abu Shawareb and Sheikh

Sanan Abu Luhum, a former

adviser to Mr. Saleh, were to

attend. Both were involved in

intensive mediation efforts be-

tween Mr. Saleh and Mr.

Beedh over the past few

weeks, political sources said.

in principle to attend."

Mr. Jefry told Reuters he

mic reforms.

and Mr. Beedh.

men Socialist Party (YSP).

# U.S. worried over Yemeni unity

SANAA (Agencies) — The United States, worried about Yemen's unity, has repeated calls for a peaceful end to the worst political crisis in the country's 2-1/2 years as a single

"The failure of unity and democracy in Yemen will have negative effects on the region and the Yemeni people in particular," Yemen's official SABA news agency 'quoted U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hughes as telling President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

It was the second time in 10 days that the United States has urged a peaceful resolution of the political conflict between Mr. Saleh and his estranged vice-president, southerner Ali Salem Al Beedh.

One diplomat said: "The U.S. message is certain to have a considerable weight on all parties. This is the most unequivocal expression of Washington's concern over unity and it is not likely to go unheeded.

Margaret Dean, director of the U.S. State Department's Arabian Peninsula office, visited Yemen last week and

U.S. was worned that instability in Yemen could spill over to neighbouring countries in the Arabian Peninsula and possibly the horn of Africa.

# U.S. House condemns Khartoum government

WASHINGTON (R) — The House of Representatives passed a bill Sunday condemning the government of Sudan for severe human rights abuses.

The non-binding resolution, passed by voice vote, calls on all factions of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to cease hostilities and try to resolve their differences through peaceful means.

It also asks Sudan's military government to hand over power to an elected civilian government as soon as possible and recognises the right of the peo-ple of southern Sudan to selfdetermination. "For some months now,

along with a number of other colleagues, I have been trying to call attention to the disaster taking place in southern Sudan," said New York Republican Benjamin Gilman.

"By its abuse, its acts of violence, its efforts to create a famine in the south, the Khartoum government has made itself a pariah," he said.

The bill, while not binding, the meeting. Mr. Jefry said. Expresses growing congressional concern about the 10-year civil war in Sudan, which has killed up to half a million people. Lawmakers said war-induced famine in southern Sudan is threatening the lives of four million people.

Southern rebels -Africans and mainly Christians or animists - started off fighting for a united secular Sudan against what they saw as discrimination by the Arab and Muslim north. But in the last two years, they have moved towards demanding independ-

Florida Democrat Alcee Hastings said, "The question in the final analysis is not just the starving in southern Sudan. The question is how long will we permit Khartoum to be a terrorist breeding ground."
The measure urges the

Sudanese government and the rebel group to cooperate with relief groups.

It also calls on President Clinton to appoint a special peace representative for Sudan, increase humanitarian aid through nongovernmental groups and oppose all loans to Sudan from international lending institutions.
The United States contri-

buted more than \$130 million in humanitarian aid to Sudan in 1992 and 1993.

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## U.S.House condemns boycott of Israel

WASHINGTON (R) - The House of Representatives on Sunday passed a resolution condemning the long-standing Arab League boycott of Israel and calling it an impediment to Middle East peace. The non-binding resolution, passed 421-1, urges the Arab League and the United States to work to end both the direct boycott against Israel and a related boycott against firms with commercial ties to that nation. "It (boycott) is an unecessary obstacle to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. It stands as a threat to the increased spirit of cooperation and tolerance emerging in the region," said Indiana Democrat Lee Hamilton. Since 1948, when Israel was founded, most countries in the Arab League have maintained an economic and diplomatic boycott of Israel. The boycott was expanded during the 1950s to include many companies that have commercial ties with Israel, including some U.S. firms. Lawmakers have said some Arab states are moving in the direction of ending the boycott of firms with commercial ties to Israel, fuelled by the recent accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

## 8 Fateh men free after surrendering

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Eight members of Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatch faction surrendered to Israeli authorities Sunday in the occupied Gaza Strip and were promptly released, Palestinian sources said. The army said "a number" had surrendered and been released. Palestinians said the eight had been on Israel's wanted list but that since the September self-rule deal they had been informed by the army that if they surrendered and vowed not to attack Israelis their names would be cleared. The eight, members of the militant Fatch Hawks, signed the undertaking at Israeli beadquarters in Gaza City and were promptly freed to throngs of well-wishers who carried pictures of the released men and flashed V-for-victory signs. Palestinians said the surrenders on Sunday brought to 19 the number of Fateh militants who have taken Israel's amnesty offer. Among the eight was Anwar Ekdaih, 25, commander of the Hawks in Khan Younis in the Strip, they added.

## Father of Kuwaiti son in Iraqi jail

KUWAIT (AP) — The father of a Kuwaiti who has been missing for months said he received a letter from his son telling him he was imprisoned in Iraq for illegal entry, the newspaper Al Anbaa reported Monday. The daily published a copy of the letter Mohammad Al Rasheedi received from his son Falah and showed to the Interior Ministry and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The letter, with a passport photo of Falah, said he was sentenced to eight years in prison for crossing the border and was doing the time at Abu Ghraib prison. It was not clear how the letter reached the father or how Falah crossed the disputed desert border. ICRC officials could not be reached for comment. A number of foreigners and Kuwaitis have been arrested by Iraq for illegal entry since the end of the Gulf war that liberated the emirate from a seven-month Iraqi occupation in February 1991.

## Egypt rejects U.N. torture allegations

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt has rejected U.N. allegations that "torture" was carried out on a routine basis in Egyptian prisons. "The Egyptian regime respects human rights and rejects the use of torture," against its political opponents, an Interior Ministry spokesman told a press conference. General Rauf Al Minawi admitted, however, that "excesses" sometimes occurred but he said "tough measures" were taken against those responsible. He said that in 1992, eight policemen were brought before the courts accused of involvement in torture while 20 others had been sanctioned. "There is no torture in Egyptian prisons," the spokesman said, adding that "some political prisoners inflict injuries on themselves before appearing in court so they can pretend they were tortured."
On Nov. 10, the Egyptian Human Rights Organisation presented a report to the United Nations committee against used in a "systematic and routine fashion" on prison inmates. The report said detainees were tortured to extract confessions and sometimes as punishment, or even as a favour to influential people.

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## Khamenei urges world to punch U.S.

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Sunday urged the nations of the world to "give the United States a punch on the mouth" to stop it interfering in United States a punch on the mouth" to stop it interfering in their affairs. The official IRNA news agency quoted Ayatollah Khamenei as saying Iran was powerful enough by itself to prevent the United States from intervening, adding it would "not allow any power to use it as a tool." The United States broke off relations with Iran after its 1979 Islamic revolution, led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. "Today governments, nations and administrative bodies should openly and powerfully give the U.S. a punch on the mouth, and prevent it from its chameless interference in their internal affairs." Ayatollah shameless interference in their internal affairs." Ayatollah Khamenei told a meeting of Basij militia commanders.

## 'Schwarzkopf keeps rein on Gulf legacy'

NEW YORK (R) — General Norman Schwarzkopf, allied commander in the Gulf war, has blocked access by army historians to a cache of key wartime documents that provided the basis for his own \$5 million memoirs, Newsweek said. In its latest edition on sale Monday, the magazine says Gen. Schwarzkopf, now retired, ejected an official historian from his headquarters at the very start of the Gulf crisis, in August 1990. Newsweek said Gen. Schwarzkopf denied the allegations. Citing army sources, Newsweek also said the general hoarded a minute-by-minute campaign log, battle graphics and telephone records, taking the documents with him into retirement and refusing to share them with researchers. And, the report said, Gen. Schwarzkopf has further miffed his former comrades in arms by refusing to address army audiences while collecting as much as \$60,000 per speech on the lecture circuit. Newsweek said Gen. Schwarzkopf denied barring historians from his Gulf war headquarters or taking official documents, adding it was not "good form" to address army officers just yet.

Paris, Beirgt (AF)

# Arafat loses grip on stronghold in Lebanon

By Muntasser Abdullah Agence France Presse

AIN' AL HILWEH, Lebanon — Yasser Arafat has lost control of what was long one of his major strongholds in Lebanon - the 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp, home to 80,000 Palestinians. Portraits of Mr. Arafat,

chairman of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and head of the PLO's main faction Fateh, disappeared from the narrow, dusty streets of the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon after he signed the agreement with Israel on limited Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories in Sept.

The walls of 'Ain Ai Hilweh were covered instead with slogans exhorting the Palestinians to "continue the armed struggle," and to oppose "the shameful agree-

One of Mr. Arafat's closest

aides in Lebanon, Mouin Shabayta, was shot dead last. Monday in the southern Lebanese town of Sidon, where the PLO has its Lebanon military headquarters, 'Ain Al Hilweh lies on the town's outskirts.

Nine days before Sha-bayta's killing, Zeid Wehbe, Mr. Arafat's former representative in Lebanon, was shot and wounded in Sidon. Both belonged to Mr. Arafat's Fatch group.
The attacks provided furth-

er evidence of Mr. Arafat's weakening grip on 'Ain Al Slogans hostile to Mr. Ara-

fat started appearing after a revolt within Fateh ranks. spearheaded by Munir Ma-

The PLO leadership in Tunis sacked Colonel Maqdah from the command of the Fateh militia in Lebanon on Oct. 14, because he opposed the deal with Israel. It named Lieutenant-Colonel

Badih Kurayem to succeed

In retaliation, Col. Maqdah called on Mr. Arafat to resign from the PLO leadership and announced the creation of the "Black September 13, Brigades"—named after the date the PLO-Israeli accord was

Col. Maqdah said the organisation consisted of Fateh military officers who "refused to abandon the armed struggle.'

"Black September 13" later said it carried out the murder of a Jewish settler in the occupied territories, denounced by Mr. Arafat.

It also claimed responsibility for recent Katyusha rocket attacks on northern Israel,

luanched from Lebanon. Of 20 Fateh offices in the 'Ain Al Hilweh camp, 17 are held by Col. Moqdah and only three by Mr. Arafat's foliowers.

In an interview with AFP,

Mr Kurayem acknowledged

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there was "a deep wound within Fatch." Meanwhile, Col. Maqdah

said there was an attempt within Fateb to "create an opposition to the current leadership, which has deviated from its initial goal — armed struggle." He said he had won over to his side more than 20 of the 32 Fateh political and military officers in 'Ain Al Hilweh.

Resentment against Mr. Arafat in the camp stems from a feeling of abandonment among residents. Palestinians say, because the deal with Israel concerns only the territories occupied by Israel in 1967.

Ninety per cent of the in-habitants of 'Ain Al Hilweh and the majority of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are descendants of people who fled to Lebanon in 1948 from areas which became part of the "state of Israel

The PLO-Israeli deal makes no reference to the

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Food Control Centre ....

right of the 1948 refugees to return. At the same time Lebanon refuses to allow them to settle. The sense of neglect is

further aggravated by the fact that six months ago Mr. Arafat stopped sending money to the camp because of the PLO's financial crisis, the Palestinian officials said. However, pro-Syrian Palestinian organisations

the situation to increase their influence. They managed to assemble no more than a few hundred people in the camp to demonstrate against the autonomy

failed to take advantage of

According to one longstanding resident of 'Ain Al Hilweh, 68-year-old Ahmad Yassin, all the groups outside Fatch lost credibility by being vassals to Arab regimes.

He said that despite the wounds Mr. Arafat was "still the symbol of Palestinian

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# Trade minister calls for manufacturing spare parts

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket Monday opened a two-day meeting on spare parts manufacturing by stressing Jor-dan's need to enhance the industrial sector to attain comprehensive economic development. 'We need to manufacture our own spare parts for our own machinery, not only because this would save us a great deal of foreign currency, but also the manufacturing business contributes to the attainment of development targets," said the minister in an opening speech.

Spare parts can ensure the long life of industrial machinery and can cut production costs, making Jordanian commodities very competitive in the local market and abroad, added the minister.

Noting that Jordan is witnessing a growing industrial sec-tor, the minister said that industry has been contributing towards reducing the rate of unemployment and boosting

Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) for its endeavours in the manufacture of spare parts and the Jordanian Armed Forces for its contributions in this field.

Organised by the JEA at the

Professional Association Comworking papers dealing with industrial computers and materials used in the manufacture and Jordanian universities and linking university programmes with industry.

Following the opening session, the minister mangurated an exhibition of spare parts manufactured locally by sever-al Jordanian industrial firms.

AMMAN — In a concert pre-

Founded in 1981 and based in Birmingham, England, the ensemble offers an excep-

stream, they have also put together excellent arrangements of jazz, swing and even

Richard Adams and Andrew Stone-Fewings on trumpets, John Cavell on horn, Kevin Pitt on trombone and Melvyn Poore on tuba have toured in France, Germany, Austria,

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French Cultural Centre.

Gallery (Gardens Street).

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Gallery (Tel. 826932).

Jordan's foreign trade

Dr. Saket thanked the

plex, the meeting is attended by engineers in the public and private sector who will review of spare parts, coordination between the industrial sector

By Jean-Claude Elias

Their high technical expertise does not prevent the group from having a relaxed style that makes listening to them a

music must be entertaining. Writes the Birmingham Evening Mail: "The Cambrian cope with equal facility a repertoire ranging from Gabrieli the Beatles.

During their stay in Jordan,

# Majali says peace talks should not affect economic projects

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday said that ongoing negotiations for a just and honourable peace should in no way affect Jordanian projects and programmes.

Such peace, when it has materialised, would yield addi-tional fruits according to the prime minister, who added that "peace alone can by no means determine our economic march."

Referring to the present Jordanian economic situation, Dr. Majali said that the country has overcome the worst circumstances and has transcended the difficulties that emerged in the aftermath of the Gulf war.

Speaking at a meeting in his office of the Economic Consultative Council, the prime minister said that the political situation in the region had created a wait and see atmosphere for the investors.

This situation, he added, could have been responsible for the recent slowdown in the economic sector which was manifested in a retreat in the number of new firms being registered in Jordan, less de-

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mand for real estate and a draw back in the volume of operations at the Amman Financial Market.

This year saw a 5.5 per cent economic growth in the Kingdom, while prices only rose at the rate of 4.5 per cent, said Dr. Majali, adding that this meant a higher per capita income, reaching this year \$1,500 compared to \$1,000 in 1980, despite difficult economic circumstances resulting from the retreat in economic dealings with several Arab states, and a decline in demand for Jordanian phosphate and

Referring to some remaining major difficulties, the prime minister said that these include the foreign debt, the ongoing harassment of Aqaba-bound ships, the decline in foreign aid and the increasing population growth rates.

Dr. Majali said the govern-ment was putting the finishing touches on the 1994 fiscal budget, adding that a provision was made for separate budgets for each governorate. This procedure, he said, was in conformity with the government's new policies of granting pro-vincial governors more authority and enhancing the process decentralisation

Dr. Majali said he hoped that the new budget would help the country overcome poverty and unemployment and spur more production and a fairer distribution of services.

The prime minister told the meeting that a proposal by the Jordanian Businessmen's Association that the govern-ment reexamine the Customs Law was being considered. This government is deter-

mined to direct the national economy towards more construction and open the door for the public to help deal economic problems, said the prime He stressed that this govern-

ment will cooperate closely with the Parliament and with the Economic Consultative Council to attain sustainable development and raise the standard of living of the Jorda-Present at the meeting was

Her Royal Highness Princess Rahmeh Bint Al Hassan. Following the meeting, Minister of State for Prime

presides over a meeting of the Economic Con

sultative Council attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Rahmeh Bint Al Hassan (Petra

Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani said the meeting discussed the Customs Law which.

he said, was in need of amendments since its enforcement in 1983. He said suggestions and

recommendations by the council would be submitted to Parliament for approval.

# Brass quintet to tune up from classical to swing

Special to the Jordan Times

sented by National Music Conservatory/Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the British Council in Amman and the Forte Grand Hotel, the Cambrian Brass Quintet will perform at the Forte Grand tonight (Tues-day) and participate in student workshops.

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popular music.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

**EXHIBITIONS** 

\* Exhibition of pottery by Hazim Al Zu'bi at the Jordan

\* Exhibition of Arabic calligraphy at the Student Affairs Deansat the University of Jordan.

\* Graphic exhibition by Syrian artist Sa'd Hajjo at the Royal

\* Iranian trade exhibit (includes industrial and agricultural machinery, construction materials, vehicles, foodstuff, cosmetis, and carpets) at the Exhibition Hall on the University

\* Art exhibition by plastic artist Hanan Al Dasonqi at the

\* Art exhibition by plastic artist Anwar Haddadin at the Royal

\* Art exhibition entitled "Mirage" by artist Alia' Al Shanti at

\* Exhibition of lithographs by a number of artists at the

\* Art exhibition by Iraqi artist Fahmi Al Qaysi at the Alia Art

\* Art exhibition by artist Hammoud Shantout at Baladna Art

\* Art exhibition by Iraqi artist Rakan Dabdoub at Orfali Art

\* Art exhibition by a number of artists at the Student Affairs

\* Exhibition of recent paintings by artist Ammar Khammash at Darat Al Fanun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing, the permanent exhibition

DRAMAS

\* Drama in Arabic entitled "The Trip of Luck" at the Royal

\* Drama in Arabic entitled "Al Taratir" at Samir Al Rifa'i

Auditorium at the University of Jordan at 3:00 p.m.

\* Film in French entitled "A Sunday in The Country" at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:39 p.m.

\* Concert by Cambrian Brass Quintet at the Forte Grand

\* Seminar in Arabic on production and marketing of chil-

dreu's dramas at the Royal Cultural Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Deanship Building at the University of Jordan.

(Saturday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

\* Exhibition of coins at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

student multi-purpose building at the University of Jordan.

Crafts Centre (Al-Aydi) — Jabai Amman, Second Circle (9:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:00).

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Road (10:00-13:00 and 15:00-20:00).

Ab'ad Art Gallery - Mecca Street.

Spain, Canada and Finland. They have also appeared on several international television

One of their trademarks is the important numbers of original works they have commissioned. New compositions by Thea Musgrave and Stephen Simpson have been performed by the Cambrian Brass Quintet at "premiere" concerts.

They believe that above all,

the quintet will also participate in workshops with music stu-



# Technological advances pose challenge to developing countries — minister

AMMAN (Petra) of Communication and Postal Affairs Tareq Suheimat Monday said our contemporary world is characterised by significant accelerated technological development which constitutes the basic element of scientific progress and economic and social development.

Addressing a regional work-shop entitled "Arabtel Workshop on Digital Mobile Telecommunication System," Dr. Subeimat said technological development poses a great challenge to developing coun-

AMMAN (Petra) — A spokes-man for a Russian delegation currently holding talks in Jor-dan Monday said that his coun-

try was concerned with prom-

oting economic links with the Kingdom.

The Spokesman, who is the

vice chairman of the Federa-

tion of Russian Businessmen,

said at a meeting with Industry and Trade Minister Bassam Al Saket that Russia has adopted

several measures including a

series of meetings with busi-

ness persons from other na-

tions in order to promote im-

port/export operations.

Dr. Saket told the delega-

tion that the government was

planning to expand its free

thes and prompts them to de vise means to acquire advanced technology and employ it for their own development programmes.

This, he said, cannot be achieved except through cooperation, exchange of information, expertise and research and mobilising Arab capacities to advance the telecommunications sector with a view to enabling it to keep abreast of rapid global developments.

The workshop is organised by the Arabtel Development

zones, increase tax exemptions

for foreign investors in the industrial sector and create

the most convenient climate

Jordan, he said, was hoping

to promote its trade exhanges

with the Russian Federation by

organising trade fairs and ex-

changing visits by economic delegations of both countries.

Noting that the Kingdom

was opening the door for a greater role by the private sec-

tor, especially in industry, Dr. Saket said that the government

plans to introduce new mea-

sures to encourage exports and

foreign investment in the King-

dom by Arab and foreign

the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC), the regional office of the International Telecommunications Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The four-day workshop will discuss working papers on technical and operational aspects of the digital system.

Taking part in the workshop are 60 telecommunications ex-

The meeting followed

another session of a round

table meeting between Jorda-

nian and Russian economists.

organised by the Hashemite

Association for International

As the session ended,

Mohammad Bani Hani, direc-tor of the Jordan Exports De-velopment and Commercial

Centres Corporation (JED-

CO) announced that the two

sides will Tuesday sign minutes

Dr. Bani Hani said that the

minutes will cover areas for

future trade and economic

of their deliberations.

Economic Cooperation.

# JMA asks psychiatrist to cancel 'successful' T.V. programme

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Jordanian psychiatrist who has been hosting a successful television programme on manners of conduct in Jordanian society was asked by the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA) to stop recording further series. Walid Sarhan Saturday and Sunday placed an advertisement in the Arabic dailies apologising for what he said was obligatory interruption of recording further series of his programme enti-tled "Modes of Conduct."

He explained that it was upon the request of the Jordanian Medical Association that the series would be cancelled. JMA President Ishaq Maraqa said that the association adopted this measure following a demand by the Psychiatrists Society. Dr. Maraga said that the society claimed that it alone has the right to choose a specialist to conduct these kinds of prog-

rammes and that Dr. Sarhan should not hoard the series

"The fact that there is only one doctor presenting such a series means that he is influencing people to listen only to him (to one particular psychiatrist)," Dr. Maraqa said. "There is no reason why one person should take the whole lot of medical publicity to himself only.

Dr. Maraqa said that Dr.

Sarhan's programme con-

tained, in many instances, several flaws that might have a negative impact on the viewer. He said that in one of the episodes discussing ways of reducing anxiety, for example the viewer would conclude at the end that tran-. quilizers are like candies. This "did not appeal to me professionally," said Dr. Maraqa, emphasising that there were other examples in some series that were criticised fellow by psychiatrists as improfessional or not serving the public interest.

Dr. Sarhan, who is temporarily out of the country, has been preparing and present-ing "Modes of Conduct" for over a year. The programme, said employees at Jordan Television, is highly appreci-ated and lauded by the public.

"We have been surprised to learn about the restriction on Dr. Sarhan to record new series," an official at the programme section told the Jordan Times.

"From all sectors and by all categories of people, the series was praised and there was high demand from the public to re-run old episodes.

The official pointed out that it was Dr. Sarhan's initiative to prepare such a programme and he volunteered to run the first 13 episodes free of charge. "I don't understand why they (JMA) would take such a step against him. He doesn't need publicity, his clinic has always been full of patients."

## IDB grants JD 8.5m in loans

AMMAN (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank granted 38 loans worth JD 8,593,000 from July through October, to fi-

nance various industrial and touristic projects. Of the 38 loans, ten were granted to finance new projects, costing JD 3 million. The loans are set to provide 549 new job opportunities.

## **Human Appeal International** perts from Jordan and other Arab countries. starts mobile clinic services Visiting Russian business delegation AMMAN (J.T.) — Human panying the clinic, seeks to promote import/export links

tary and charitable organisation, announced Monday that its mobile health clinic began operating in the remote and less developed regions of

Jordan. Free medical services were offered to people in Salia, a town in the Dhiban district, said Adham Sarhan, head of the organisation's Amman

Mr. Sarhan told the Jordan Times that 70/people were offered free medical services as an initial step by the doctors, nurses and pharmacists accomAccording to Mr. Sarhan, the mobile clinic currently will make visits to the remote regions every two weeks. At the start of 1994, it would be making weekly trips to these areas to provide medical care to inhabitants.

In the years ahead. Human Appeal International, which is headquartered in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will establish stationary clinics to benefit the poor, particularly people of the rural and remote areas of the Kingdom, said Mr.

are conducted in the clinic and prescription drugs are dispensed free of charge to pa-

tients. The clinic, he added, meets the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Established in Amman in 1990, the organisation's office has been extending help to needy families by distributing food and clothes and establishing tricott and sewing centres for women. The organisation, he said, has set up a bakery to produce the Arab sheet bread known as "shrak" in the Bani Kananeh district.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## **Crown Prince receives Youth** Minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday received Youth conference on the committee's work will be held as previously scheduled.

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AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul

AMMAN (Petra) — The director of international economic relations at the Chilean foreign ministry Thursday arrives bere at the head of a Chilean delegation on a four-day visit to Jordan, during which he will hold talks with government officials and representatives of the trade and industrial sectors on enhancing scopes of bilateral cooperation.

## Agreement signed on Amman-Warsaw flights

Edmund Pawlak.



NEW RECRUITS: Royal Jordanian (RJ) Vice-President for Marketing and Services Akel Biltaji Monday awards diplomas to new RJ flight attendants who recently completed a seven-week training programme. Their training

included air safety procedures, first-aid, food and beverage service and pertinent information about the airline industry. With the newly graduated group RJ this year has recruited 81

# Aziz begins talks at U.N.

(Continued from page 1)

aure Iraq's compliance with :easefire terms. But the ceaseire resolution refers to permiting Iraq to resume exports indenstood to mean oil. It says hat Iraq must meet several ey weapon-related condi-ions, including destruction of crtain weapons and accept-. nce of long-term monitoring. The special commission hich monitors Iraq's military adustries would certify the liftig of the embargo, once the

Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

weapons conditions are met. traq says it has met the overwhelming number of ceasefire terms, as well as conditions in paragraph 22.

The current talks will cover the long-term monitoring of Iraq's weapons industries, to ensure that prohibited weapons are not reacquired.

The ceasefire bans nuclear, chemical, biological and longrange ballistic weapons, as well as development.

Minister Abdullah Oweidat, who briefed him on the work of the National Sports Development Committee and activities over the past two years by various sports committees. Prince Hassan lauded the efforts made by these committees and said he hoped that a final

# Majali congratulates Canadian

Salam Al Majali Monday sent a cable to newly-elected Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, congratulating him on his election. Dr. Majali praised bilateral relations between Jordan and Canada and stressed Jordan's interest in further enhancing such relations and expanding scopes of cooperation in different fields.

## Chilean trade official to arrive

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Poland Monday signed an air transport agreement under which Royal Jordanian (RJ) and the Polish Airways will fly regular flights between Amman and Warsaw. Signing the agreement for Jordan was Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Ahmad Jweiber, and for Poland, Polish Charge d'Affaires in Amman

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# Peace dividends for all

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus Sunday were not only aimed at allaying Syrian anxieties over persistent reports about an imminent unilateral peace pact with Israel but also to help end Syrian isolation by key players in the region. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government has been on record as wanting to delay action on the Syrian-Israeli track until peace treaties on other Arab fronts are finalised on the pretext that the Israeli public cannot digest several breakthroughs in a short time. Jordan, on the other hand, is on record as being faithfully committed to the attainment of a comprehensive peace that includes all parties to the Middle East peace process. There can be no doubt that Jordan will honour this pledge. The Jordanian perspective is dictated by strategic considerations. Syria is central to the peace process and any attempt to bypass or ignore it will not be in the interest of Jordan or the Arab Nation.

This means that Washington and the other key players in the peace process must cultivate a favourable climate for an eventual Israeli-Syrian agreement. Just as Rabin came back from his visit to the U.S. with meaningful and effective offers of aid and support, including the building up of his country's air power with the latest U.S. war planes, Syria feels that it deserves to reap the benefits of peace. Foremost, Syria must not be made to feel that it is being targetted by the other major powers in the region or the West. Continued reference to it as a sponsor of terrorism would only exacerbate any ill-feeling that the Syrian leadership may have. Damascus needs to be integrated into the peace process.

Other countries can lend support to the Jordanian effort by developing a more positive perspective about the Syrian place in the peace process. Continued alienation of Syria by all sorts of accusations or innuendoes can only delay progress on the other tracks. The U.S. and other Western countries' sanctions against Syria should be lifted as a signal of a new policy towards it.

The World Bank can also be more supportive by including Syria in the aid packages already committed to other parties to the peace process. Only by showing the Syrians that investment in peace would be worthwhile, will there be real hope to move Syria into full engagement in the process on the basis of full peace in return for full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Israel should be more forthcoming on this score just as Damascus can be more aggressive in its pursuit of peace with Tel Aviv.

## **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL RA'I Arabic daily Monday commented on His Majesty King Hussein's meeting with President Hafez Al Assad in Syria, noting that coordination between Arab parties involved in the peace process with Israel was of paramount importance. King Hussein's talks with the Syrian president represented part of Jordan's continued drive to ensure a consolidated and united Arab stand vis-a-vis the crucial and dangerous stage the Arabs are facing, said the paper. Noting that the Arab World lacks genuine coordination, the paper said that the two leaders' meeting is another attempt to address the political, economic and military imbalances. The paper said that Israel had already breached the Arab ranks and continues to seek separate deals with the Arab countries to cause disarray in the Arab Nation's runks. Damascus and Amman have now met and decided that only a compehensive and lasting peace would be acceptable, on all fronts, to safeguard national interests, continued the daily. It said that with the breach of the Arab ranks and by dealing with the Arab countries unilaterally, the Israelis hope to ensure their domination of the Arab World politically, economically and militarily. The paper said that Jordan has no interest in a separate deal with Israel because such a deal can ensure no lasting settlement for the Middle

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily suggested that the government should not include any of the new Parliament members Tareq Masarweh said the present Parliament is not a parliament of political parties and the coalitions being formed among the deputies have not matured yet. The writer said that except for three deputies who said they represent political parties, the majority of the deputies are independent, and should be given sufficient time to form their coalitions and arrange for preliminary arrangements for their future task. Had there emerged strong political parties among the deputies, there could be justification for the involvement of these parties in a new government, either in a coalition or individually, added the writer. The writer cited former deputy Fares Nabulsi as suggesting the idea of non-involvement of deputing in a government so that the Parliament can continue to ser \_\_: a watchdog on the executive branch. He said perhaps this is the best time to put this idea into practice.

# Toujan Feisal — a triumphant new tribalism

The phenomenon of Toujan Faisal's parliamentary victory is The phenomenon of Toujan Faisal's parliamentary victory is enormously important, and is rightly being celebrated by many in the country; but, with the focus squarely on the triumph of the first Jordanian woman in the elected Lower House, I think her victory is being hailed for the wrong reason.

I am convinced that her victory is one of those rare events that quietly mark a turning point in the political and social

history of our region. Toujan Feisal represents the birth of a new brand of Arab/Islamic activism and political leadership that will gradually have a great impact on our political culture and even on our national identity in years and decades to

In our formal Jordanian political structure that is dominated by non-ideological tribal-centrists, right-of-centre narrow-nationalists, and emotion-laden Islamists, Toujan Feisal represents the birth of an Arab/Islamic political counter-culture that rejects and challenges the most fundamental bases of our existing power structure. I would like to offer the following points about why Toujan Feisal may herald an important

phenomenon for the future of this region.

1. The first sobering point to keep in mind is that hers was not a massive victory. She squeaked in with 1.885 votes — not exactly a landslide victory, not even a strong mandate, but an important win nevertheless because of the nature of her ideas and her personal character.

2. The fact that she is a woman is incidental, and probably irrelevant in political terms. It is a sign of the cultural rigidity and intellectual weakness of our Jordanian and Arab mass media that most of the publicity she gets focuses on her gender, rather than on her ideas. The international media are not much better.

The reality is that in her campaign she emphatically rejected a single-focus candidacy based on her sex, religion or ethnicity. She did not campaign as a woman or a Muslim or a Circassian; she ran as a Jordanian and an Arab who recognised political and legal faults in society and who also recognised the inner moral and cultural strengths that this society could draw

on to redress those wrongs.

3. She attracted voters, including myself, because of three key reasons: her personal strength of character, the soundness of her ideas and arguments and her ability to touch an emotional chord among the people that was essentially a cry for dignity and decency in how we run our country and how we manifest our profound Arab/Islamic heritage.

Her strength of character is impressive for two reasons: a) the quiet confidence and immense dignity with which she challenges established norms and laws, without fearing the craiteinges established norms and laws, without learning the criticisms and ridiculous rumours hurled against her, and b) her fortitude in standing up to and ultimately defeating the attempts by Islamists and others four years ago to destroy her through a campaign of moral vilification and character assassination. Her strength of character is a key element in her attractiveness in this culture at this time; this is a human being who did not submit meekly to the strong forces against her and who fought back and won against great odds. The fact that she attracts men as well as women voters is an important sign of how cultural traditions can be overriden by the power of

political ideas and personal character.

The soundness of her ideas is the main basis for her success to date. Her campaign talks were impressive because of their substance, in contrast with most other candidates who stressed sleep-inducing platitudes, worn-out cliches and old, emotion-laden slogans. She always gave specific examples of problems, mentioned particular flaws in laws or administrative practices and suggested practical means of improving the quality of life of the Jordanian people. In other words, she respected the intelligence of the people and tried to attract them through rational ideas and analysis. Few others have gone this route in

Her character and her ideas combined to produce her third important attribute, which is her charismatic leadership quality. She struck a chord that runs through most Arabs these days — the desire to overcome the failures and the problems that we have endured for many decades; the desire to transform our societies into more productive, humane and responsive communities that respect human beings simply because of their basic rights as human beings, rather than for their commercial potential or their blind political allegiance based on fear. She offered a vision of how to get from yesterday's humiliations and today's constraints to tomorrow's promise; those who voted for her trusted her capacity to work hard to make that vision come true.

4. These assets allowed her to appeal to a fascinating and

unusual cross-section of Jordanian voters, and essentially to shatter the powerful parameters of tribalism, religion, ethnicity and gender that have defined Arab political culture and public life for centuries. Her public meetings were an extraordinarily refreshing sight — men and women, old and young, all income and education brackets, all religions and ethnic groups, and — perhaps most important as an indicator of future trends — many young, single men and women who came to hear this intriguing new brand of Arab voice.

5. All of these facts are tempered, however, by the relatively

small number of votes she received compared to the whole electoral pie, and by the fact that the third district of Amman is more likely to respond to her unique appeal than voters in other, more traditional parts of the country. It remains to be seen if her victory is a historic sign of change to come in our country and the entire region, based on her example of personal character, strength of ideas, and personal charisma. I think it is, but we will need the rest of this decade to find out.

6. Her personal and political attributes represent nothing less than a new model of national political leadership in a region that has known only three other models during the last, oh, ten-thousand years or so: a) tribal patriarchs who governed on the strength of their cultural authenticity and their ability to help most people live an adequate life, b) commercial despots who ruled by military force and by buying the superficial allegiance of their people, and c) leaders who blended aspects of (a) and (b) but who also generated mass emotional, often hysterical responses from their people who had been degraded by colonialism, Zionism. or domestic corruption and incompetence.

Toujan Feisal is a glimpse of a new brand of political

leadership that defies and transcends these models of the past, and that tries to respond to the realities of today's world. Her importance is as a prototype of authentic, legitimate and credible political leadership that generates grassroots support on the basis of an issues-oriented ideological appeal that cuts across tribal, ethnic, religious, socio-economic, and gender lines. She is a sign of our future: indigenous political forces

that reflect the emergence of structures of western-like civil society that also respect our Arab/Islamic cultural identity. Ironically, in fact, she has cracked the stranglehold of traditional tribal/patriarchal politics in Jordan by starting her own tribe — a new kind of tribe that brings together people on the basis of values and ideas, rather than on the basis of

lineage, sect, or geography.

Her historic feat, however, is not yet achieved, because it is not simply to have won a seat for a woman MP; rather, her test will be whether she can build upon her personal success and develop a genuine national (and then regional) political movement. Her particular and immediate challenge in the next four years is to develop extra-parliamentary bases of next four years is to develop extra-parliamentary bases of political support that can mobilise large numbers of constituents. As a lone voice in Parliament, she can be novel and gratifying, but not necessarily very effective unless she joins forces with a larger voting bloc and translates her personal

success into a political movement.

I believe she can succeed if she maintains her principles and develops a pragmatic political strategy that can strengthen those nationwide political and social forces that she has already tapped in her district. She will have to resist the terrotation of being hought out and co-opted by the powerful temptation of being bought out and co-opted by the powerful forces of political commercialism that ruined many of the other fresh parliamentary faces that won in 1989 but were unceremoniously thrown out in 1993. She will also have to resist the temptations of personal aggrandizement and the lure

of the television lights.

Toujan Feisal faced formidable enemies who tried to destroy her a few years ago, and now she will face even stronger attempts to isolate her or to marginalise her as a sociologically interesting but politically freak advocate of women, children and babies. She will have to show that her strength is due to the fact that she speaks out for women and children and babies just as she speaks out for the rights of all Jordanians. Like she did in the last four years, in the next four years she will have to show her most extreme opponents to be politically antiquated and sociologically marginal.

She will have to muster great new sources of strength and support to win the battle for a better Arab future — a battle that is now moving into public forums such as Parliament and the press. Toujan Feisal finds herself once again on the front lines of the struggle for honesty and decency in public life and for dignity and security in the private lives of our citizens. Her victory is a historically important sign of refreshing new Arab breezes that already blow all around us. Let us hope — and work — so that these breezes will gain strength and develop into a powerful wind that reinvigorates our battered but grand

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# Racist attacks grow, Britain debates kind of society it wants

By Sue Leeman The Associated Press

LONDON — The government is trying to stop them at the ports, and racists terrorise those already here. Increasingly, Britain's message to the people of its former colonies is "keep out."

All the while, a debate seethes about what kind of society Britons want - an ethnically diverse and multicultural mix, a cozy "little England" of shopkeepers and cricket lovers or the all-white dream of the ultraright.

Alarm about immigration comes not only from the racist British National Party, which won its first election Sept. 16 in a local council race in east London, but from the establishment and electorate.

Winston Churchill, grandson of the wartime prime minister and a member of the governing Conservative Party, says a "re-lentless flow of immigrants" is threatening Britain's way of life and increasing tensions in

inner cities. Echoing rising anti-foreigner sentiment in Germany, France and other West European nations, a poll published Sept. 26 by the Sunday Express newspaper said 81 per cent of Britons surveyed are worried about the number of immigrants. The idea of forcibly sending immigrants home was backed by 36 per cent of the 962 adults in the poll. The margin of error

was three percentage points. The British National Party says its election victory was a sign of growing white resentment against "blacks and other foreigners" who, the party says, sponge off the welfare

The government does not keep figures on the race of welfare recipients. But advocates for minorities dispute the idea they get a disproportion-

Carey Opponheim, spokeswoman for the Charity Child Poverty Action Group, says that over the 1989-91 period. about seven per cent of whites and 13 per cent of minorities were out of work. "Members of ethnic minorities are therefore more likely to be dis-advantaged," she said.

She said her group also has no firm figures on the race of welfare recipients, but added that there is some evidence minorities tend to underclaim benefits because of language difficulties or fear of the authorities.

Plack, in British parlance, includes Africans and people from the Indian subcontinent. Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis also are known as

"British means white — experience has shown that a multiracial society does not work here," Richard Edmonds, one of the founders of the British National Party, told the

Mr. Edmonds and three other party members are facing charges of attacking a black man and his white girlfriend outside a pub in east London. Herman Ouseley, chairman

of the Commission for Racial Equality, countered that many multiracial communities in Britain live harmoniously. Where racists are active, the government must act "to prevent black families from living in fear," he said.

Black activists charge the British National Party with stoking white prejudice, contributing to a surge in racist attacks, including the murder of 12 blacks last year. But prejudice is not confined

to extremists, they say. "Racism is entrenched in the structures of society, and when those vibrations come from government, the man in the street thinks it's OK to be abusive," said Julie Southey of the Newham Monitoring Project, which fights racism in east

London. According to the Home Office, there were 7,793 racial incidents in Britain in 1992, compared with 4,383 in 1988. Incidents ranged from verbal abuse to murder.

Home Office Minister Peter Lloyd told a parliamentary committee earlier this year that a survey of 10,000 households - 2,000 of them from ethnic minorities - indicated the true figure could be as high as 40.000 incidents annually, although most were not vio-

The government's answer has been to blame much of the trouble on illegal immigration. Legislation passed this year limited the right of immigrants to get state housing and asylum seekers to appeal rejected applications for haven.

The government has no figures for illegal immigrants, but experts dispute Mr. churchill's assertion that blacks outnumber whites in northern cities like Leeds and Bradford.

Government figures say ethnic minorities make up 5.5 per cent of Britain's population. That is up from 3.9 per cent in 1981 and an estimated 2.9 per cent in 1971 and 2.1 per cent in 1966. in Tower Hamlets, the

blighted inner city section of east London where the British National Party won its council seat, the minority population is nearer 35 per cent.

Stop them on the street, and

the sons and daughters of white dockers who once worked that stretch of the River Thames are likely to argue angrily that minorities get more than their fair share. Few

are willing to give their names. John Benyon, director of the Centre for the Study of Public Order at Leicester University, contends Britain has an inherent culture of prejudice" that goes back centuries to the slave

Others believe Britain suffers periodic waves of racial tension like those which flared into race riots in London and towns in central and northern England in the 1950s and 1960s. "The economic recession has just caused a new cycle,' said Chris Husbands, a sociologist at the London

School of Economics. There is also an element of contagion from the racial attacks" in Germany and elsewhere in Europe, he added. Young blacks — who accuse

police of failing to protect them and being slow to pursue offenders — are fighting back. After 17-year-old Quaddus Ali was beaten unconscious by white youths near his east London home Sept. 8, black youths fought on the streets with local skinheads loyal to

the British National Party. The group youth against racism in Europe has vowed to hound the party's Derek Beackon from his Tower Hamlets council seat. "We will not tolerate Nazis," the group said in a statement after his win.

The India Association, a community group, has started training a group of "guardian Asians" in self-defence and the

Police say they are doing all

they can.
"Each case is followed up meticulously," said a statement from the Metropolitan Police in London, where more than half of race-related attacks took place last year. Arrests are made in one case in five, it said.

Activists want the government to create a specific offense of racial abuse. With tougher immigration

laws in the 1980s and 1990s, the number of asylum applications fell to 24,600 in 1992, compared to nearly 45,000 the previous year. Immigration officials say that is largely due to the perception it is more difficult to get in.

The number of people granted citizenship in 1992 — 42,200 — was the lowest in a decade, down from about 60,000 in 1991. The home office says that is due to cuts in the number of workers processing applications,

# Follow the leader

By Richard Harwood

The incisive media critic for the Los Angeles Times, David Shaw, lives on another planet, light years removed from the centre of the universe, which is called "Washington". After prolonged observations, he has published some of his findings.

He has discovered, for example, that the centre of the universe is inhabited by many exotic species, including 17,000 journalists, and that none of these creatures is free of cosmic fallibilities. He is especially intrigued with the 1,800 or so who possess credentials to the White House press room. If all the ticket-holders were to show up on the same day, the press briefing — often de-scribed as Feeding the Goat or Slopping the Hogs — would have to be held on the South

He has made other discoveries. One of them is that journalists have considerable contempt for one another and for the way the game is played, especially since Bill Clinton came to office. "My colleagues and I," he was told by former New York Times columnistic Leslie Gelb, "(are) journalistic Dr. Strangelows ready to Dr. Strangeloves... ready to nuke Mr. Clinton at the slightest provocation." Our attitudes, broadcaster Jim Lehrer declares, carry "a stench of contempt" for all politicians, reflecting the preposterous view that only journalists "are smart enough" to govern.

A lot of this has come about,

Shaw came to understand, because of a "generational rivalry" between old hands in the White House press corps and fuzzy-cheeked neophytes who showed up in the press room fresh off the Clinton campaign. Many of these rookies regarded the president as one of them, a guy of their generation who shared their political beliefs. The old hands looked down on the possession of the down on the newcomers as "starry-eyed' sycophants for the new president" and set out to prove how "tough" they were, how impervious to pres-

idential charm. The new boys and girls, Mark Miller of Newsweek explained to Shaw, were forced by peer pressures from the Old Guard to be "mean and nasty and beat up on (Clinton) like everyone else."

Well, these self-pitying

youngsters should not feel alone. There are also a lot of old fools in Washington, as Shaw's sightings suggest. Twelve days after Mr. Clinton's inauguration, Sam Donaldson opened a Sunday talk show with these words: This week we can talk about 'Is the (Clinton) presidency over?" The Washington Post put a headline on a story by Joel Achenbach: "Another failed presidency, already? Sure, it's early. But what's that sound of no hands clapping?" It was a temporary cone of silence. By mid-summer, Washington journalists had entered a new phase in which cheers and vigorous hand-clap-ping for the beleaguered president became de rigueur.

Washington pundits, at the centre of the universe, hardly know what to think from day to day

Sally Quinn wrote in The Post in mid-July: "After months of terrifying neardeath experiences... the Clinton administration appears to have been revived... Suddenly, all you read is that... Clinton 'captivates Japan,' that he is being tough with Saddam Hussein, that he is bringing relief to the flood states in the Midwest... Almost mysteriously and almost overnight... the press seemed to be transformed from a hostile, angry mob to a pack of fawning

It is now November, and yet

another new phase may have begun. Charles Krauthammer on Oct. 22 wrote what is called in the centre of the universe a "seminal" column. Bill Clinton, he noted, started his "perpetual candidacy" at the age of 28, and his life ever since has been an endless series of polimeans talking expansively about goals, hopes, desires, fu-tures. That's what Clinton does best. In a campaign, however, talk is cheap, and promises have no consequences. They are a means of self-definition."

The talk-talk theme resonated with Carl Cannon of the Baltimore Sun: "Is (Clinton) iust another windy Southern politician... who... will say almost anything if he thinks it will please his audience?"

So here we are at the centre of the universe with a view so obstructed by fog, static and other atmospheric pollution one hardly knows what to think from day to day. Our pundits are quarrelsome, inconstant and, like the rest of us, uncertain if the rider of the white horse is a Galahad or a turkey, in disguise - The Washington Post.

# **LETTERS**

# Expensive roads

To the Editor:

I was shocked and dismayed by the extensive damage that was done to the main new road connecting Marj Al Hamam to the Jordan Valley, a stripe of about three kilometres.

Although I am not an engineer, I have seen similar roads in other countries, but the difference was not the quality or the width of the road but the fact that extensive studies had been carried out to determine the kind of soil and area to build

It would have been advisable that the ministry plant trees, any kind of trees, before they start building any road so that the roots of the trees grow and prevent any errosion of the soil. I am surprised that in Jordan we tend to build expensive roads and spend millions to repair them every year, while it would take only few thousand dinars to plant trees that would protect the soil from errosion. I cannot understand why the engineers do not study the soil or realise the importance of planting trees, in these areas before building an expensive

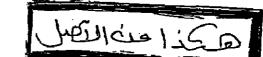
Although every year we plant thousands of trees why don't we plant them where they are needed? Certainly to beautify this country is excellent, but there are areas where trees might

protect expensive roads and save millions of dinars. I respect those who worked today, but I am sure that the next heavy rain will cause another errosion and I wonder until when we are going to keep repairing roads while it only takes little effort on part of the Ministry of Public Works to make a study and plant trees before embarking on heavy projects.

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# Iraqi artist displays works 'transition period'

By Najwa Kefaya Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Iraqi artist Rakan Dabdoub is presently exhibit-ing 40 of his water colour and acrylic works at the Orfali Art Gallery in what happens to be his first personal exhibition in Jordan. However, the 53 years old artist has held 27 personal exhibitions since his graduation from the Academy of Fine Arts, Rome in 1965, in addition to participating in many group exhibitions worldwide.

The collection on display is the outcome of the artist's last five years of works, dwelling on the relationship between the human being and the environment, folklore and the oriental culture on the other. The works constitute a transition period in the artistic life of

There are four prominent common factors which distinguish Mr. Dabdoub's work. In spite of the fact that this exhibition comprises at least two different styles of painting, each characterised by its own set of colours and means of expression, the viewer will not have a problem realising that the different works are done by the same artist because of these common elements. They are the Arabic letters, the woman figure, the bird, the arch and the artist's famous black dot surrounded by a white ring, giving the impression of a hole. This last symbol is known to be the Artist's famous "stamp", found in each and

every one of his paintings. "I started using this dot back in the 1960s in Rome. It is one of the oldest symbols which characterises my works and which I maintained throughout my work ever since. It was merely a protruding black dot



at the beginning. This was transferred into a hole with time, by surrounding it with a white ring," Mr. Dabdoub told the Jordan Times. According to the artist, this dot has its different but unique meaning in each painting. It may be an eye in a face, a star in a galaxy, a symbol of life and reproduc-

tion in the human body, etc. This exhibition illustrates vividly a change in Mr. Dabdoub's artistic tendency towards abstraction during the last five years, where his figures have been reduced into meaningful shapes. His abstract paintings are as impressive. The use of the Arabic letters clearly proves this passage to abstraction while attempting to preserve the rich heritage of the past.

The artist's inclination towards soft, rainbow colours, is quite evident. His usage of "wash" colours, spread by means of a spatula between dividing black ink lines which define the shape of the figure in the painting, gives trans-parency to his work and creates a "tinted glass" effect. His devotion to the green colour is also very clear. The abstract paintings which are of darker but serene pastel colours, have much depth, perspective and meaning. Sketching in black ink is another thing Mr. Dab-

doub enjoys doing.
The exhibition will

# Lustre returns to

By Philippe Massonnet

an international centre for ple-

"It is not completely false top say that Shanghai is not a Chinese city," said Dao Shum-ing, the young deputy director of tourism in this city of 13

hastily adding that it is not "like it was before liberation in 1949" - blighted with abject

- Officials of course cannot

But the images linger and

The official "Welcome to Shanghai" brochure tries to seduce westerners by saying

The text is accompanied by flattering photos of the time -

Dao cites the cathedral and the old synagogue in the same breath as the Ming Dynasty Communist Party July 1, 1921. And, almost as in the past, Shanghai offers a night life

WASHINGTON — Despite continued food crises in the

developing world, agricultural

assistance to the world's

poorest countries from major governments and international

institutions declined drastically

over the past decade, accord-

ing to a report released at the

beginning of October by a

Washington-based institute

that monitors trends affecting

Because agriculture forms

the global food supply.

to feed their people.

"Assistance to agricultural

western fast-food outlets, hundreds of bars and night clubs not to mention 27,000 karaoke

pragmatism has made it the fastest growing tourist attraction in the country, with tourist income shooting up 32.5 per cent to \$34 million in the first six months of the year, according to the China National Tourism Administration.

igners visited "the pearl of the orient," an increase of 27.6 per cent, led by Japanese and followed by Americans, Hong Kong residents, Germans and French. The occupancy rate of its 93 approved hotels has stayed at almost 100 per cent since the beginning of the year. And by 2000, Shanghai will

amusement park and two new golf courses. Since the speeding up of China's economic reforms 18

town area has undergone a dramatic facelift. Most of its gleaming new shops, more and more of them joint ventures, do not close until 10 p.m., and the main

Hong Kong.
Consumption is soaring and retail sales shot up by more

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drastically since the earl 1980s," said Joachim vo: Braun, Director of IFPRI's Food Consumption and Nutrition Division. "Such a decline would be justifiable if their food situation were improving, their rural poverty were diminishing and they were becoming more capable of meeting their needs for public goods essential for agricultural growth. But in many develop-ing countries the food situation

the economic base of most is deteriorating, rural poverty developing countries, the cuts in crucial financial assistance to is increasing and agricultural growth is stagnating."
IFPRI's survey of agricultural aid from 1980 to 1990 agricultural development could threaten economic growth and political stability in volatile re-gions of the world. The report showed that the United States fell from its position as the from the International Food leading government donor to Policy Research Institute agriculture — from 30 per cent (IFPŘI) also sounded an alarm of bilateral agriculture assistabout new food crises before ance in 1980 to 15 per cent in 1990. In 1980, the U.S. contrithe end of the decade and threats to natural resources as buted nearly \$1.4 billion in the world's poorest countries agricultural development struggle with fewer resources assistance, grants and loans, but by 1990 that figure had dropped to less than \$400 mildevelopment has declined lion. Meanwhile, Japan increased its agricultural aid from just over \$450 million in

1980 to more than \$1 billion in 1990 — and became the world's top government donor to agriculture. By 1990, onequarter of total bilateral agri-

cultural assistance came from

The World Bank, which is the largest single donor to agri-culture, provided nearly \$3 billion in 1990. However, as the bank's total lending increased during the 1980s, the share of agricultural aid declined from 30 per cent in 1980 to 19 per cent by the end of the decade.

World aid for agriculture

declining despite food crises

"Africa's poor economic performance throughout the 1980s was partly due to a neglect of agriculture. We may see more of the same in the future if agricultural development continues to be neglected," said IFPRI Director General Per Pinstrup-Andersen. "Agriculture is the key to economic growth — and thus political stability — in many potentially volatile regions of the world. It is difficult, if not impossible, to stimulate sustained economic growth in the least-developed countries without first moving the largest sector - agricul-

IFPRI's report warned that "substantial risks of large-scale food crises exist in the 1990s," and noted that poor farmers are moving into rainforests, watersheds and other marginal areas to increase production. Research in new agricultural technology is necessary to prevent environmental destruction, the report said.

"If not pursued in a sustainable manner, the costs to the

environment of increasing agricultural output over the foreseeable future will be great," the report said. Global re-sponsibility is needed to develop the complex and expensive technologies required for sustainable agricultural production. Such technologies cannot be developed by individual developing countries alone."

Among the political reasons cited for the decade of decline in agricultural assistance was opposition from farm lobbies in donor countries, whose agricultural industries faced increased international competition and lower food prices in world markets.

"When some developing countries attempted to improve their domestic food production situation, they were impeded (by pressure from farm organisations)," the re-port said. "Any agricultural assistance to perceived competitors' was attacked."

Organisational restructuring and reductions in agricultural specialists at donor agencies were seen as other factors contributing to the decline. The report argued for a strategic alliance among United Nations agencies and donor countries to increase attention to agricultural development -- International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington.

# Breaking the cycle of violence

By Stephen Mock and

Guido Meyer The following article is re-printed from Refugees, a Swiss monthly magazine published by the Public Information Service of the United Nations fugees.

Stories of ethnic hatred, xenophobia and racist attacks by neo-Nazi skin heads make headlines almost daily in Germany. But behind the scenes, many Germans are quietly working to combat these evils through a variety of innovative programmes. Among them is a six-year-old "anti-aggression programmes pioneered by Dr. Jens Weidner at the Hameln Detention Centre in Lower Saxony. The programme is aimed at changing the attitudes of some of the toughest and most violent rightwing extrem-

"Right-wing youths can be reached," Dr. Weidner says. "We don't have to give them up for lost. It's worth talking to

The Hamburg Land Office for the Protection of the Constitution estimates there are some 50,000 young Germans between the ages of 16 and 20 who are prone to anti-fore-igner and similar forms of vio-

The perpetrators do not spring up from nowhere," admonished German Federal President Richard von Weizsacker following the May 28 murders of five Turkish women and children in a racist firebombing in the western town of Solingen.

Indeed, there is a familiar pattern in the backgrounds of many young right-wing extremists. Most come from broken homes. More than 50 per cent have had little or no vocational training. About 25 per cent never finished high school. As a consequence, an estimated two-thirds of violent, right-wing extremists are unemployed.

In its milder form, the aggression and frustration experienced by these youths is vented at weekly football matches - so-called soccer hooliganism. But the next stage is lashing out violently at those who are different, who are easy to blame - at foreigners and asylum-seekers, for example:

Hameln Detention Centre's programme is one of several in Germany aimed at trying to break this vicious cycle among violent juveniles. Dr. Weidner, who has been a part of the programme since it was founded in 1986, first assembled the usual team of psychiatrists. sociologists, psychologists and social workers. To this professional mix he added four repeat violent offenders who cut the academics' theories down to size on the solid bedrock of reality. With the help of this team. anti-aggression therapy was developed in 1987.

Dr. Weidner, an educational sociologist, got the basic idea for anti-aggression training during six months of work with violent street gangs in the United States. His basic premise: Treat hoods in a confrontational way because they are used to confrontation. They are not accustomed to sympathy and middle-class methods of gentle

So far, 75 youths have under-gone the programme at the detention centre. To start. a foundation of trust is established between the therapist and the youths by talking about their hobbies, their family life, their prison experiences and their hopes for the future. Once this trust has been established, the actual training be-

During the initial sessions, the youths often like to boast about their aggressive behaviour. They stress their recklessness, excitability and impulsiveness. They see themselves as "cool" men of action; fatalistic, tough and respected by their peers. They enjoy arguing with others who do not share their views, often trying to frighten and intimidate them. Always, they keep open the option of violence to end any dispute — an option many Hameln youths have exercised

quite brutally in the past. The youths take a perverse pride in being able to solve problems quickly and on their own, using violent methods if necessary. They like to boast of overcoming a superior foe in what they see as a fair fight, like modern-day Robin Hoods.

Dr. Weidner says the aim of his anti-aggression training is to expose the discrepancy between the heroic image these young people have of their violent deeds and the brutal reality of their behaviour. In doing so, Dr. Weidner does not spare the feelings of his subjects, aggressively questioning, challenging and probing their comments in an effort to force them to reflect on their

This method of therapy uses a tried and tested approach the "hot seat." At each session, one of the youths is put in the hot seat and cross-examined by all of the others for

an entire evening. The sole aim of the questioning is to force the subject to confront the real reason for his violent behaviour. After hours of such questioning, the youth is asked to describe in detail how he felt at the exact moment he was committing the act of violence. For many, it is

a real shock. At first, many of the youths try to defend and justify their violent behaviour by portraying themselves as the victims, and the real victims as the aggressors. A role reversal takes place, inverting the youths' perception of reality

and of themselves. Often, insults — real or imagined — triggered the assaults. Dr. Weidner's programme thus places heavy emphasis on focusing as much as possible on the "weak points' and character flaws of the youth in the hot seat in an attempt to examine the real motivation for his violence towards others. Once these weak points are found, the subject under goes so-called "provocation tests" in which others in the group confront him head on and with increasing intensity over his character weak-

# Shanghai's pearl

Agence France Presse

SHANGHAI — There's a tourist boom on in China's largest city Shanghai, which is rapidly recapturing its image as asure and commerce.

"It is a city still alive in international minds," he said, misery.

eulogise the Shanghai of the 1930s when it was under foreign occupation — then a city of debauchery, luxury and penury, a heaven and hell of gambling and opium.

that for foreigners Shanghai will always be a city where the search for amusement is tinged with the adventure and romance of the past.

that "modern Shanghai learned directly from the set-tlements, which served as an example" despite the "humilia-tion suffered by the Chinese."

the old race course, Nanking road and the Bund.

As places not to miss, Mr.

Yuyuan gardens housing the site of the birth of the Chinese unique to China, with thousands of restaurants.

The city's dynamism and

Last year 1.25 million fore-

have a huge two billion dollar

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streets are now as packed as

than 30 per cent compared with 1992.

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# Iraqi dinar plunges to 160 to the dollar on black market

ports.

Iraqi dinar plunged to new depths on the Baghdad black market Monday, trading at be-tween 150 to 160 dinars to the dollar, moneychangers here

The dinar's slide has accelerated since last month, with the suspension of U.N.-Iraqi negotiations for limited oil sales and tension along the Iraq-Kuwait

Just before Iraqi farmers crossed into Kuwait last Tuesday to protest the new border. the dinar traded at between 110 dinars and 115 dinars on the black market. The dinar fetches \$3.2 at the official rate.

Last week's resumption of U.N.-Iraqi negotiations on dismantling Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction failed to halt the slide, and moneychangers Monday were not betting on their success.

Iraq's deputy prime minis-ter, Tareq Aziz, arrived in New York Sunday to plead for a lifting of the U.N. oil embargo which was imposed after Lraq's invasion of Kuwait more

market, the Iraqi government has decided to open change offices to check.

But Human El Shamma.

economics professor at Bagh-dad University, said "the main problem is the lack of foreign currency" as a result of the embargo which stopped ex-

Confidence in the dinar eroded after the central government in May withdrew all 25-dinar notes printed abroad

more highly valued than
those printed by Baghdad — in

what turned out to be a failed bid to shore up the currency.

The dinar was trading at 50 dinars to the dollar before the government closed the borders in May, allowing only those inside government-controlled areas to exchange the so-called Swiss dinars for new notes.

Merchants in Jordan, Kur-dish-controlled areas of northern Iraq and elsewhere found themselves stranded with notes that had once been prized for foreign trade but suddenly be-

came worthless. "Before this operation, there was an exchange market for the dinar in Amman,

Beyond the state's foreign currency reserves whose amount is unknown, private lion to \$3 million, according to Mr. Shamma.

That sum entered the country through Iraqis working abroad and through smuggling operations on the borders with Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, or Jordan, he said.

The government decided to stop buying dollars to check the dinar's fall, but Mr. Shamma said this measure will have little effect as long as industries need dollars to import items required for them to function. In a bid to stabilise prices, Baghdad also subsidises up to 99 per cent of the cost of basic

with ration coupons. But, deprived of oil revenue and required to maintain ser-vices like health and education, Baghdad must continue

products which people buy

to print money. Inflation has hit about 3,000 per cent since the embargo was imposed, Mr. Shamma said. The only hope is for a complete or even a partial end to the sanctions, which were ex-tended for another six months Thursday, he added.

In January 1992, a year after the Gulf war, the rate was about 12 dinars to the dollar on

# Lebanon launches crash capital markets programme

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's central bank has launched a crash programme to revive Beirut's pre-war capital markets and win back the city's role as a major Middle East financial centre.

Nasser Saidi, deputy gov-ernor of the Bank of Lebanon. said the bank's new manage-ment saw reviving the capital markets as crucial for financing Lebanon's reconstruction after

the 1975-90 civil war. He told Reuters in a weekend interview Lebanon hoped to raise \$30 billion in the next 10-15 years through domestic and foreign investment, loans and borrowing programmes from supranational institutions.

"The best way of tapping that and bringing those invest-ment funds into the country is by creating financial markets and financial instruments for people to invest," he said.

capital would give Beirut an advantage over rival financial centres that emerged in the Middle East during Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war, which are mainly founded on offshore activities and lack a domestic capital base.

"If a good part of the capital is channelled through (Beirut) financial markets, then you're setting up to have a fairly decent sized capital market. Mr. Saidi said.

Mr. Saidi, 43, is one of four deputy governors who came to the bank on Aug. 1 with the new governor Riad Salameh, also 43.

Mr. Saidi said the team believed two-thirds of Lebanon's capital needs had to come from abroad. "You cannot reasonably expect to attract up to \$20 billion without having the appropriate markets and in-struments," he added.

The bank has rapidly taken the first steps to develop the foreign exchange, money, debt

and equities markets. To restore Beirut's pre-1975 role as an international foreign exchange market it is encouraging Lebanese brokers abroad to come back and establish themselves in Beirut.

'We've had a number of visits already and the signs are encouraging," Mr. Saidi said, To develop the money mar-

ket, the bank launched a Beirut dollar market on Sept. 1, allowing banks and institutions to open dollar and foreign currency accounts at the central bank.

The market now exceeds, \$200 million. Mr. Saidi said it would become a pool of funds for domestic and regional investment and the bank was developing commercial and short-term paper which the

public and private sector could issue to tap it.

"So the development of the money market is for us the beginning of the foundation for the remaining two markets - debt and equity," Mr. Saidi

He estimated that up to half the \$20 billion to be raised abroad could be attracted to the equity and debt markets

The debt market is a treasury bill market denominated in Lebanese pounds and is currently worth about \$3 billion. Introduction of a secondary market and swaps on Sept. 1 increased liquidity and flex-

The bank wants to extend issues from two to three and five years, Mr. Saidi said. It plans issues of government reconstruction bonds very soon. and also wants to get the

comporate sector involved.
"The idea is that government debt will act as the back. bone (of the debt market). It will be rapidly followed by corporations and institutions issuing debt which can then be sold both locally and abroad.

The bank is currently organising Lebanon's first Eurobond issue for \$300 million Mr. Saidi added.

the deputy governor pointed

A major focus of its efforts is on reopening the Beirut stock exchange, destroyed by shell-ing in 1988. Mr. Saidi expected a semi-paperless exchange to open in 6-8 months.

"We're hoping at least five or six companies including banks could be interested so that you'd start with a small market but a sound and safe one which you would then develop," he said.

### Beirut, even in Riyadh. Since the borders closed, people outthan three years ago. In a bid to check the black side lost all confidence because they fear another operation of this kind," he said.

## Tajikistan capital in grip Armenians of financial crisis queue

ers have diminished," Mr.

bers and technicians has com-

pounded problems, he added. Ethnic Russians have been re-

turning to Russia in droves

since Tajikistan gained inde-

pendence from the former

An impoverished and far-

flung outpost of the former Soviet superpower, Tajikistan

was convulsed last year by a

conflict which killed thousands

and drove hundreds of

thousands from their homes.

country and larger groups have

formed alliances with Mujahi-

deen fighters in northern

Since the civil war abated, a

financial crisis has gripped the country. Tajik leader Imamali

Rakhmonov said in June the

budget deficit this year would

account for a staggering 54 per

cent of gross national product.

meeting of Dushanbe's city

council last week that the city's

industrial production would

fall by about 50 per cent in the

first nine months of this year

compared to the same period

last year, officials said.

Mr. Rakhmonov told a

Afghanistan.

Small groups of Islamic re-

Soviet Union in late 1991.

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (R)

— A financial crisis in the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan is choking the capital Dushanbe, crippling industry and depriving many citizens of heating as winter looms.

The hardships are the latest in an economic decline spawned by a civil war in this Central Asian state late last year. Public transport in the capital is limited largely to rushbour bus services and some families live off little but bread.

In the Pamir mountains in the south-east, near the fron-tier with Afghanistan where border guards are battling insurgents, some villages have electricity only one day in five.

Official newspapers are printed only once a week and telephones in the capital, often out of order, are sometimes

lack of spare parts.

One of Dushanbe's biggest factories, the Tajik textile factory, is running at 60 per cent of capacity during the cotton harvest — normally a busy

time of the year.
Parviz Abdushukurov, chief engineer at Dushanbe's heating plant, said that only three of the 17 boilers that heat the capital are in operation. Several districts are without any heat, he said.

Tajik state television said many citizens were complaining about the lack of heating as temperatures hovered above

December temperatures reg-

ularly dip to between minus 10 and 15 degrees Centigrade (14 for new and 5 degrees Fahrenheit).
"Supplies of gas to the boilcurrency

Abdushukurov said in an interview. No payments had been made to Dushanbe's suppliers YEREVAN (R) — Armenians queued for their new currency of gas and boiler-room spare parts since April this year. Monday, swapping tattered old Soviet rouble banknotes for An exodus of Russian plum-

crisp, new dram. Adults can swap up to 50,000 roubles for dram at a rate of 200 roubles per dram. Cash above this limit — worth less than \$25 at recent exchange rates - will be frozen in special bank accounts.

The Transcaucasian former Soviet republic was one of the last countries to withdraw the old roubles which circulated in Soviet days and bore pictures of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin. Russia pulled the notes from circulation in July.

large-denomination rouble notes and bringing in new notes worth between 10 and 200 dram. They will be supplemented by small-denomination rouble notes.

Former Soviet republics have been gradually introducing new currencies since early year, but the flight from the rouble zone has gathered pace since Russia withdrew old roubles.

The move, tantamount to the introduction of a new Russian currency, meant its neighbours had to toe Moscow's economic line if they wanted to receive supplies of the new roubles.

# Belgian unions launch rolling strike action

BRUSSLES (R) - Belgium's powerful trade unions began a series of strikes Monday to try and force the government to soften its tough package of

austerity measures. Antwerp Port, the secondbiggest in Europe after Rotter-dam, was paralysed by the strike, which affected the regions of Limbourg, Antwerp

and Liege. "There is a total strike. There are no ships coming in or going out of the port," Antwerp Port Captain Robert Engels told Reuters.

Union officials said further regional strikes are expected Wednesday and the socialist trade union FGTB/ABVV bas called a nationwide strike for

The CSC/ACV Christian Democrat union called an urgent meeting Monday to de-cide whether to join the social-

ists in Friday's general strike. The two unions together represent about 2.5 million workers. A spokeswoman for the FGTB/ABVV said Monday's strike had been well supported. "It has been followed very closely in the bigger com-panies especially," she said, without giving specific details of companies affected.

However, she said railway and post office workers did not appear to have joined the strike.

The strike action follows the centre-left government's announcement last week of a new social plan, which is aimed at boosting competitiveness and employment and cutting social security spending.

Included in the measures are tax hikes, cuts in health spend-. ing and family allowances as well as a three-year wage

# Jordanian consultancy issues 'financial index of banks'

AMMAN — United International Consulting has recently ssued the first version of "Financial Index of Banks in Jordan." 1991-1992" which is regarded as the first of its kind in Jordan. The financial index includes a comparative statistical and financial analysis of all commercial, investment and specialised banks in Jordan for the years 1991, 1992. It also includes the aggregate analysis of commercial banks and investment banks

as well as the aggregate analysis of both together. The significance of financial index lies in revealing new performance standards for banks in Jordan, in addition to industry averages which can be considered a base for measuring banks performance in Jordan.

The analysis of each bank and the aggregate analysis consists of:

 Balance sheet for the years 1991, 1992 and the horizontal and vertical analysis of assets and liabilities. - Income statement for the years 1991, 1992 and the horizon-

tal and vertical analysis of its items. Financial ratios for the years 1991, 1992.

- Interest margin analysis model.

It is a model designed to link finance and investment of the

bank with its revenues.

The model links both leverage by deposits (represented by the ratio of equity to deposits), and capital base (represented by the ratio of assets to equity), with deposits' utilisation rate (represented by the ratio of facilities of deposits). It then moves to analysing the sequence of interest items leading to achieve net interest margin by relating these items to deposits.

# Burgundy wine auction prices slump for 4th year

BEAUNE, France (R) - Burgundy prices fell on Sunday for a fourth year running at the Hospices de Beaune auction, a key barometer of the French wine industry's health, reflecting a lacklustre world economy and overflowing supplies.

The average barrel at the widely-watched annual charity auction fetched 21 per cent less than last year. Red wine, which made up nine of every 10 barrels, was off 23 per cent while whites, less plentiful, fell five per cent.

Experts had expected prices to stabilise after falls of 23 to 30 per cent in the three preceding years. The latest fall brought prices almost 70 per cent below their 1989 levels.

"At these levels it's no longer profitable to make quality wine," said wine expert Michel Bettane, noting that some of the best labels were being sold for under 30 francs (\$5) per bottle.

The auction is the first serious assessment by buyers of the new vintage. On the block were wines bearing some of the most noble names in France: Volnay, Pommard, Corton, sault.

Barrels each containing 228 litres of wine were sold at an average price of 14,072 francs (\$2.369) apiece, down from 17.878 francs (\$3,010) in 1992 and 44,144 francs (\$7,432) in

1989 before the slump began. Prices were at levels not seen since 1980. "There's not much enthusiasm out there." shouted the auctioneer at one

Records going back to 1958 showed that prices had not previously fallen four years in a row during that period. Data stretching back to the first auction in 1859 were not available.

# Nigerians return to work after fuel price deal

LAGOS (R) - Nigerians returned to work Monday after the new military government struck a deal with trade unions on ending a week-long general strike by agreeing to cut fuel

Banks and shops, closed since the strike began last week,, opened early in Nigeria's biggest city Lagos.

There was little sign of police on the streets.
"Most of our staff are back," said the manager of one bank in central Lagos, where traffic again jammed the streets. School children went to school while the federal secretariat in Lagos, where most government employees work, again bustled with activity.

## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Get tasks done early in the A.M. as the Moon trines the Sun. Avoid using any air of bravado with family or close associates and be sure to be kind to anyone offering you assistance or coop-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Don't expect benefits to come to you from a distance early but get into problems facing you at first hand and tonight stick to plans

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't spend more money than you can afford on pleasures and stick to suggestions made by an economical minded associate even though later you want to do

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) An early conflict between a family member and outsider can be resolved by ignoring both and getting into the tasks facing you, later avoid the public limelight. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't allow pressure at work to keep you from acknowledging an important communication from a close compan-

ion, tonight get through a hobby. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You would be wise to concentrate your attention upon the practical conditions to be solved and avoid going off on pleasure jaunts to-day or tonight.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your own aims are such of a personal nature that you

would be wise to put your attention on them and not be so concerned with, fussy about your

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You are now in a position to get into whatever intimate and private concerns activate you and don't go dashing around to usual outside places.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Think about your various discriminating and ex-perienced friends and get their nid in gaining personal longings and sidestep money matters now.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your own ideas are good and your judgment is not poor so also rely now upon suggestions given to you by those positions of authority as your way of doing things.

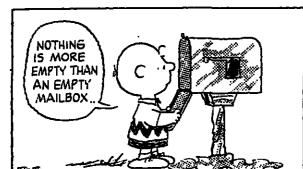
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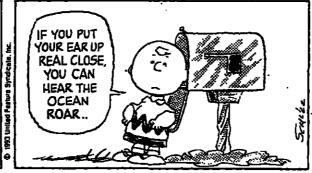
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have a chance to get conditions on a much more satisfactory level with attachment by concentrating on that person, not going off with friends.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Better understanding the views of a partner of ability require that you do not spend as much time following wishes of

one in a position of power.

# **Peanuts**



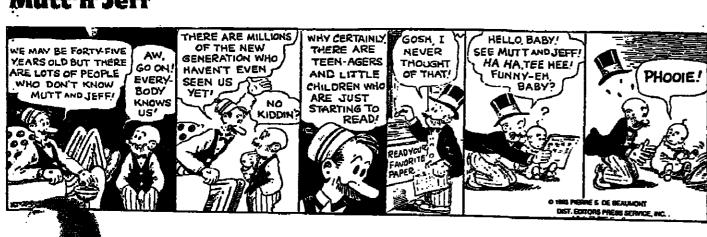


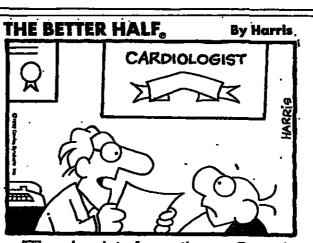
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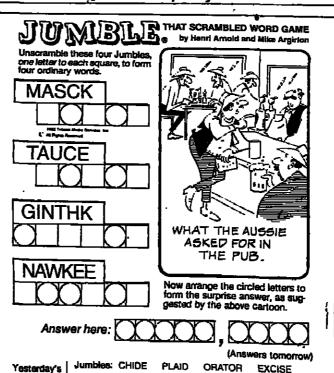


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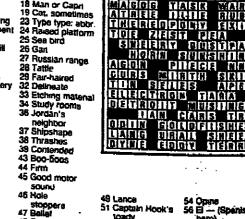


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# Iran's riyal sinks

NICOSIA (R) — The Iranian riyal sank to 2,000 to the dollar Monday amid unconfirmed reports that the governor of the central bank would be replaced. Dealers said the dollar rose between 35 and 60 riyals over Sunday's close, reaching 1,900 riyals in the open market in Tehran and 2,000 in the riyal market in Europe. "The dollar opened at 1,950 riyals and rose to 2,000. Demand (for dollars) is strong and we cannot supply all buyers," London-based dealer Ali Pakpour said. The central bank raised the dollar 10 nyals to 1,728/1,730.

foreign debt, estimated at up to \$30 billion including \$10 billion in arrears, and low oil prices which have cut into its main source of hard cash revenue.

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imports climbed from JD 966.2 million during the first six months of 1992 to JD 1,096 In the same period of last year imports from Saudi Arabia totalled JD 16.4 million million during the same period while those from Lebanon According to the Monthly Statistical Bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) imports from Arab Common Market (ACM) amounted to JD 11.9 million. Germany was the leading country of the European Com-

Britain and Italy. countries (mainly Egypt, Iraq and Syria) rose from JD 166.7 Jordan's imports from Germany amounted to JD 91.2 million to JD 176.8 million in million ('93), sharply higher from the JD 66.7 million ('92). Imports from Iraq alone were JD 149.4 million com-pared to JD 142.5 million dur-Imports from Britain total-led JD 53.7 million while imports from Italy amounted to JD 52.7 million in the first half Egypt was in second place with ID 11.5 million ('93) and ID

munity (EC) states in export-ing to Jordan, followed by

In the first half of last year, Italy ranked second with a total of JD 48.8 million while imports from Britain amounted to JD 38.8 million. The countries of eastern

The cut, the fourth this year,

would further boost the pro-

fitability of a commercial bank-

ing sector enfeebled by bad

debt problems and stagnant

economic activity, they said.
"The whole idea is to stimu-

late the economy," a commer-cial bank economist said. "The

cut will lower the commercial

banks' cost of funds and cut the

amount the government has to

pay on its local debt, primarily

interest on the difficult debt

discount rate to 5.75%

lion to the six-month period in Europe sold Jordan products Saudi Arabia ranked first worth JD 59.2 million (\$93)

of this year.

compared to JD 59.9 million ('92).

Romania and Russia were Jordan's largest East European suppliers as imports from the two countries were JD 10.7 million and JD 9.5 million respectively in the first half of

this year.

Jordanian imports from other European countries totalled JD 37.3 million ('93) compared to the JD 34.1 amount posted in the first six months of last year.

Sweden, Austria and Switzerland were the main exporters from the group of other European countries.'

Import from Sweden in the first half of this year amounted to JD 12.3 million while imports from Austria and Switzerland were JD 10.3 million and JD 9.2 million respec-

Sales of U.S. products to the Kingdom were high at JD 131.6 million ('93) and JD 108.4 million ('92).

Purchases from Japan added to JD 65.2 million during the January-June period of this year. During the same period-

The government last year

paid the equivalent of about \$1

billion in interest to the com-

mercial banks on \$19 billion in

bonds it issued as part of a plan

to solve an 11-year-old bad

successive discount rate cuts

this year mean the rate will

almost certainly be lower than

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last year's six per cent.

The central bank has yet to set the 1993 bond rate. But the

debt problem at the banks.

of 1992 the amount was JD 57.2 million.

Jordan exported products worth JD 22.4 million to India but imported goods with JD 20 million from that country in the first six months of 1993.

During the same period of 1992, Jordanian imports from India were worth only JD 17.7

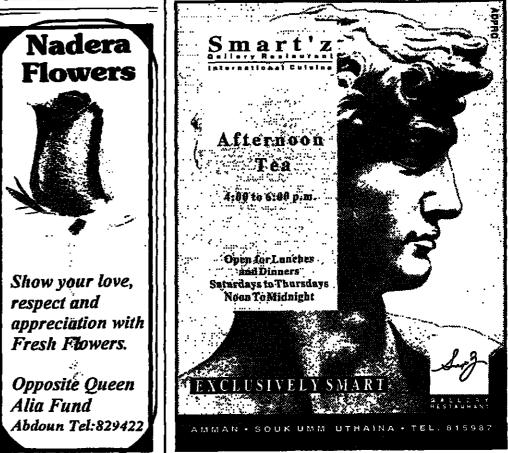
Imports under the category "other countries" totalled JD

200.7 million ('93) compared to the total of JD 1838 million posted from January-June The CBJ monthly Statistical

Bulletin listed the value of imports from some countries grouped under the category of other countries."

Imports from Turkey amounted to JD 26.4 million ('93) compared to ID 36.2 mil lìon ('92).

Similarly, the figures for Taiwan were JD 20.4 million, down from JD 24 million; for South Korea JD 29.7 million, up from JD 18.6 million; for Indonesia ID 10.3 million, up from JD 6.8 million and for Pakistan JD 2.7 million, down from JD 3.2 million.



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U.S. Dollar in International Market

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Sterling Pound	1.4735	1.4707
Deutsche Mark	1.7143	1.7161
Swiss Franc	1.5049	1.5065
French Franc	5.9415	5.9387**
Japanese Yen	108.50	108.48
European Curreny Unit	1.1190	1.1211

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U.S. Dollar	3.06	3.43	3.43	3.68
Sterling Pound	5.56	5.31	5.12	5.17
Deutsche Mark	6.18	6.00	4.68	3.51
Seiss Franc	1.50	4.31	4.12	3.43
French Franc	6.62	6.43	6.06	5.50
Japanese Yen	2.43	2.25	2.15	2.12
European Currency Unit	6.75	6.56	6.31	5.87

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Deutsche Mark	0.4081	0.4101
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French Franc	0.1176	0.1185
Japanese Ven	0.6455	0.6487
Datch Guilder	0.3639	0.3657
Swedish Krona	****	****
Italian Lica	0.0415	0.0417
Belgian Franc	****	*****

Other Currencies	Date: 22/11/1993		
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Bohraini Dinar	1.8360	1.8650	
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Saudi Riyal	0.1866	0.1882	
kewaiti Dinar	2.2200	2.3100	
Qalari Rıyal	0.1895	0.1919	
Egyptian Pound	0.2050	0.5550	
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USE Dirham	0.1895	0.1919	
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Cypriot Pound	1.3320	1.3725	

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other Arab countries was also higher, totalling JD 50.9 mil-

lion compared to JD 41.4 mil-

Kuwait to cut

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's central bank said Monday it

had decided to cut the discount

rate to 5.75 per cent from 6.25

in a move described by bankers

as a boost both for commercial

banks and government fi-

Economists said the reduc-

tion expected early next week

would help government efforts

to cut a budget deficit swollen-

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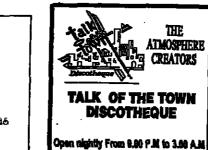
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**Texas town wants** 

pregnant officer to patrol streets

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) - The city has refused a pregnant police officer's request for a desk iob until she gives birth, saying

desk job antil she gives birth, saying that if \_\_\_\_\_\_ she can't do patrol work, she won't get paid. "I don't know what they expect me to do. Go on welfare?" Officer Bonnie Hyde said, "I think they ought to have a little compassion instead of putting me out on the street when I'm mouths pregnant." As of

two months pregnant." As of last week, Officer Hyde, 31,

was not patrolling and not earning her \$2,351 monthly salary. City Manager James Baker said Humble doesn't

have a policy for placing its police officers on light duty. "Her job is a patrol officer. If she can't work," he said. "We save that the can't work," he said. "We

gave her the opportunity to wear a shoulder harness or any other acceptable method of

carrying a weapon," he said

Officer Hyde said that

wouldn't protect her from get-ting into fights and other dan-

gers. Officer Hyde is qualified

as a field training officer and is an FBI-trained fingerprint ex-

BEUING (AFP) — American actor Richard Gere, a strong

critic of China's human rights

record in Tibet, was in Guang-

zhou Monday for the Golden Rooster and Hundred Flowers

Film Festival, an event hailed

here as "China's Oscars." Gere, who pointedly called on

China's supreme leader Deng

Xiaoping to end human rights

abuses in Tibet during a speech at the American Oscar cere-

mony this year, arrived at the

weekend, a festival organiser

said by telephone from the

southern Chinese city. He is to remain until Thursday or Fri-

day for the Chinese premiere

of his latest film Sommersby at

the five-day festival, the organiser said. Chinese film star

Gong Li and director Zhang

Yimou are also expected to

make appearances at the fes-

tival which opened Sunday, the China Daily said. They have

been nominated as best actor

and best director respectively

for their film The Story Of

Qiuju, the report said, adding

that the "mainland's equiva-

lent to the Academy Awards"

would be presented Tuesday.

Films from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Russia, Spain. Ger-

many. France, Japan and the

United States are also to be

shown at the festival, which

was first held last year in the

make 'ecstasy' haul

Richard Gere

'Oscars'

attends China's

# EC agrees embargo lifting deal; calls meeting on Bosnia aid

EC foreign ministers agreed Monday to offer Serbia a "gradual suspension" of earthors in exchange for land concession, and an accord on the Serbian Krajina enclave. French Foreign Minister Alain

Juppe said.

Mr. Juppe, speaking after a meeting of the 12 ministers here, also called on the three warring parties in former Yugoslavia to attend a meeting in Geneva next week on the thorny issue of guaranteeing aid supplies to Bosnia. Mr. Juppe said political and

military leaders of the three factions would be invited to Geneva next Monday, for a conference to be attended by ministers, U.N. generals Jean Cot and Francis Briqueme-mont and U.S. and Russian observers.

The ministers had called Monday's meeting to discuss their first joint action on Bosnia, including a deal to lift sanctions against Serbia, as set out in a Franco-German initiative two weeks ago.

In the past few days, Paris and Bonn have appeared divided on the suspension deal.

ROME (R) — Pressure for early general elections grew Monday after Italian voters de-

livered a stinging rebuff to the

scandal-tainted parties sup-porting Prime Minister Carlo

Azeglio Ciampi in local polls at

the weekend.
The government must step

down and it would be a good

thing if President Oscar Luigi

Scalfaro went as well," said Alessandra Mussolini, the

granddaughter of war-time dictator Benito Mussolini, who

came second in the southern

city of Naples.
"The Italian Social Move-

ment (MSI) is the first party of

Naples and we have succeeded

in defeating the old corrupt politicians," she told reporters,

predicting victory over her lef-tist challenger in a run-off elec-

"We are getting ready for the long, hard battle ahead,"

said Ms. Mussolini, a medical

student and former actress.

My competitor already knows

In the first round of voting

received 29.7 per cent of the

vote while Antonio Bassolino

of the Democratic Party of the

Left (PDS) drew 48.5 per cent,

parliament, and Mr. Bassoli-

no face a run-off vote because

neither candidate received a

majority in the first round.

If Ms. Mussolini wins, the grand-daughter of Hitler's chief European ally will greet U.S. President Bill Clinton and other world leaders at next July's summit in Naples of

Group of Seven leading indust-

rial nations.
Ms. Mussolini, who keeps a

bust of her grandfather in her bedroom, told reporters that

the former dictator was her

chief inspiration during the

"I'm proud of what my

grandfather did for Italy and

want to restore to Naples some

of the values he believed in like

honesty," she said. "If I win in

December it will be thanks to

Italian share prices tumbled

on fears of mounting govern-ment instability with the Milan

Bourse Index opening 2.26 per

cent down. The lira fell to

986.40 against the German

him and his name."

campaign.

Ms. Mussolini, a member of

the exit polls showed.

the fate that awaits him."

nday 30-year-old Mus

tion on Dec. 5.

gradual suspension, while Paris wanted to propose the lifting of sanctions after a period of suspension.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd earlier dismissed the idea of lifting sanctions. "I don't think there is any question of removing sanctions against Serbia until all the U.N. resolutions have been

carried through," he said.
"Prospects of peace don't look very good," he declared, adding: "We need to persuade the Serbs to yield more terri-

On the subject of aid convoys, it was not immediately clear what next Monday's meeting in Geneva would involve. Mr. Juppe said the ministers would ask the warring factions to give formal guarantees on allowing aid

Last Thursday the three warring factions met in Geneva to sign an agreement guaran-teeing aid corridors into Bosnia, but there was no immediate end to fighting along some of the aid routes.

Aid has been suspended into the region for the last four

Vote rout puts pressure on Rome government

Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of former Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and candidate

for the Naples office of mayor, waves to suppor-

mark from 978 late Friday.

This parliament no longer

represents anyone," said Irene

Pivetti, a legislator represent-

ing the Northern League, after

11 million disillusioned voters

repudiated Italy's traditional

parties in elections for 428

"The Ciampi government now mainly relies on the sup-

port of parties that have be-come ghosts," the Milan daily Il Giornale said in a front-page

"The government has been shattered by yesterday's vote

and only intertia will probably

allow it to survive until early

Mr. Ciampi, a technocrat installed at the head of a tran-

sitional government in April, is

backed in parliament by the Christian Democrats, the

Socialists and their tiny allies, the Liberals and the Social

Democrats. He can also count

on the - Communists' neut-

rality.
The Christian Democrats

(DC), the mainstay of every government since 1945, polled 10 per cent in Rome, while Gianfranco Fini, leader of the

neo-fascist Italian Social

Movement (MSI) took the lead

in the race to become mayor.

general elections are called."

mayors and councils.

comment.

weeks following the killing of

an aid convoy driver. EC officials have said that there was little support for proposals, implicit in the French-German plan, to send more troops to Bosnia to guard the supply routes.
U.N. aid convoys to central

Bosnia could resume as early as Tuesday, a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) official said Monday in Sarajevo amid reports that people were starving to death in the southern Bosnian

city of Mostar.
"We expect with the (U.N.)
secretary general's (Boutros
Ghali) resumption of aid convoys that we will begin to send our first convoys into central Bosnia tomorrow (Tuesday), we hope, (although) it may not be until Wednesday," Peter Kessler, of the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said here Monday.

He described calamitous conditions in the eastern sector of Mostar, held by the Muslimdominated Bosnian army.

Earlier the ministers were booed by some 30 Bosnian demonstrators when they ar-

rived at European Centre in Luxembourg to discuss their first joint action in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Demonstrators carried banners with anti-EC slogans, accusing the foreign ministers of being "accomplices to murderers" and denouncing their "new partnership with the fascist (Serbian President Slobodan) Milosevic."

The European Community mediator to the conflict. Lord Owen, joined the ministers in Luxembourg to report back to them on the state of peace negotiations.

Meanwhile three Argentinian U.N. peacekeepers were injured, one seriously, when a mine exploded near Pakrac, on the border of a Serb-controlled area of eastern Croatia under U.N. supervision, a U.N. spokesman said Monday. The badly injured soldier

was receiving treatment at the American UNPROFOR (U.N. Protection Force) hospital in Zagreb, the spokesman said. Argentina has more than 900

men based in the sector of Grubisno Polje, 80 kilometres east of Zagreb.

ters as she is surrounded by photographers after

casting her vote for the first direct mayoral

his Democratic Party of the

Left (PDS) to be Italy's largest

after first round results put

left-backed candidates ahead

Sunday also saw a record score for the MSI which be-

came the largest party in Rome and Naples and the new

magnet for the protest vote in central and southern Italy —

thanks to the desertion of the

Anti-mafia candidate Leolu-

ca Oriando was easily elected

mayor of Palermo, capital of

Sicily where the crime orga-

nisation has long flourished, in

Italy's local elections Sunday,

Mr. Orlando, who thrust his

way into the spotlight in the

late 1980s when he tried to rid

Palermo's City Hall of the

mafia, won nearly 75 per cent

of the vote, said a projection

by Milan'd Doxa Institute. His

closest challenger got 17 per

served as Christian Democrat

(DC) mayor of Palermo in the

late 1980s, was elected this time for the "La Rete" (Net-

work) Party which he formed

in 1991 to carry his anti-mafia

message nation-wide.

Mr. Orlando, 47, who

DC's traditional electorate.

in all the main cities.

elections in Italy (AFP photo)

First computer projections Achille Occhetto proclaimed

gave Fini 39.2 per cent of the

votes, placing him ahead of the Greens' candidate, former En-

vironment Minister Francesco

Rutelli, who was expected to

receive 37.2 per cent.
A second round run-off will

it's a vote against all the dis-

gusting things that were com-mitted during all these years, said the DC's defeated Rome

"Reality is far worse than

.candidate, Carmelo Caruso.

what we expected," said a stunned Education Minister

Rosa Russo Jervolino, president of the DC which won 30

per cent of the votes in the 1992 general election. "It's a

day of great suffering for us."

Referring to corruption scandals that have cut a swath

through Italy's political estab-lishment in the past 21 months,

he told a television interview-

er: "I imagine this is a reaction

to events in which all the main

ly's old political centre as vo-

ters switched their support to

the spiritual heirs of two

ideologies defeated by history,

Former Communist leader

fascism and communism.

Sunday's election buried Ita-

parties were involved in."

"It's not a vote for the MSI,

be held on Dec. 5.



Overall view of the site where a Soviet-built YAK-42 plane crashed in Macedonia (AFP

# Pilot lost control in Macedonia crash

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) Opposition groups alarmed by the third air disaster in 16 months Monday demanded the resignation of the government minister in charge of civil avia-

A Soviet-made YAK-42 trijet, chartered by the Macedonian carrier Avioimpex. crashed late Saturday near the airport at Ohrid, some 110 kilometres (70 miles) south-. west of Skopje. Only one of the 116 people on board sur-

The plane, leased from the Russian carrier Aeroflot, was on a charter flight from Geneva to the Macedonian capital, but was diverted because of a blizzard at Skopje Airport.

"We suppose the pilot lost control and deviated from standard landing procedure, said Goran Pavlovski, head of the government commission investigating the crash.

Visibility was good at nine miles (15 kilometres), and conditions for landing were favourable. Mr. Pavlovski said. He said it appeared the plane began its descent too

All but eight of the passengers appeared to have been ethnic Albanians from the

Yugoslav province of Kosovo or from Macedonia working in Switzerland, according to a preliminary report published by the Belgrade daily Borba. The four-man Russian flight crew and four Macedonian cabin attendants also died.

Six children and two babies were listed among the fatali-ties. Pierre Ollier, an official of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees based in Skopje, also died.
The sole survivor, a Serb

identified only a Slobodan, underwent surgery to stop bleeding in his left lung and was listed in critical condition Monday.

Last March, a Fokker 100 belonging to another Macedonian carrier, Palair, crashed near Skopje killing 81 people and injuring 16. A Russian Antonov 12 cargo plane struck a mountain top in central Macedonia in July 1992, killing

A two-year flight boom in Macedonia, resulting from the international sanctions imposed on neighbouring Yugos-lavia, has overtaxed the little nation's civil aviation infrastructure.

Eighteen charter airlines

have been registered to handle the passenger influx from the north, although only six are currently operating.

There is still no proper civil aviation authority, and operator licenses and other pertinent matters are handled by the Ministry for Urban Planning, Civil Engineering, Communications and Ecology.

Safety standards are described as poor. Air traffic control which used to be handled from Belgrade before Macedonia declared its inde-pendence in 1991, is rudimentary, and flight crews

are reportedly overworked.

"All these carriers are profiting handsomely from the chaos in our civil aviation," said Todor Petrov, leader of a group of seven independent deputies in Macedonia's 120seat parliament. In a statement read on national TV, he demanded the resignation of Antoni Pesev, the minister in

charge. His call was echoed by the small Macedonian People's Party and the Workers Party. At an emergency session late Sunday, the government announced that Tuesday would be a day of mourning for the victims of the crash.

# Seoul hardens stance on eve of summit

speaking on the presidential plane as Mr. Kim headed from

Seattle, where he attended an

Asia-Pacific Economic Coop-

eration Forum summit, to

Washington, also denied that

Pyongyang's proposed "pack-age deal." Yonhap news agency quoted

the official as saying, however, that the two leaders, during their talks Tuesday, would "show their will" to halt Team

Spirit if North Korea agreed to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to re-

new inspections of its nuclear

"If the North rejects the

proposal stemming from our summit talks, then the nuclear issue will inevitably be referred

to the U.N. Security Council

and stronger action will be

taken." the official was quoted

SEOUL (Agencies) — South Korea appeared to harden its stance Monday on the eve of crucial summit talks between Presidents Kim Young-Sam and Bill Clinton expected to tocus on Pyongyang's refusal to allow inspections of its nuclear facilities, press reports here said.

In an interview with the Seoul daily, Mr. Kim denied foreign press reports that Washington and Seoul were to announce a halt to the annual Team Spirit military exercise as part of a "package deal" which would include resumed outside inspections of North

Korea's nuclear facilities. In the interview which took place last week, Mr. Kim said he expected the two Koreas would enter into a commonwealth as a first step towards unification during his presidential term, which ends in 1998.

The New York Times reported Monday that Washing-ton was to offer North Korea a package deal involving low-level concessions and some commitments on future deals in exchange for an immediate resumption of limited international inspections of its nuclear

with Mr. Kim Young Sam on the proposal Tuesday at a meeting in the White House, the paper said. A senior Seoul official,

Mr. Clinton was to consult

as saying.
Stalinist North Korea hasbarred full-fledged IAEA inspections of its nuclear facilities since January, setting off international alarm bells that it was forging ahead with a nuc-

facilities.

ler weapons programme.

Mr. Kim Young-Sam said he was optimistic he would meet his North Korean counterpart Kim Il-Sung and see a North-South "commonwealth"

formed within five years. "Looking at various factors at home and abroad, a South-North Korea commonwealth would be likely during my (five-year) term in office," Mr. Kim said in an exclusive interview published in the Seoul Shinmun newspaper Monday.

"When North Korea's nuctrust restored... a South-North Korea summit meeting will come naturally," said Mr. Kim.

Meanwhile, South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-Joo said Sunday South Korean leaders are concerned about military activities of North Korea's "unpredictable" and 'desperate" regime.

In an interview with ABC Television at the conclusion of a Pacific rim leaders summit. Mr. Han said Seoul is worried about North Korea's nuclear potential as well as its conventional military forces.

"We are very concerned about the situation," he said. Obviously, we want to stop if North Korea is indeed determined to make a nuclear bomb.

"We are also concerned about their conventional military capability. We do not think they will resort to military action unprovoked. But at the same time... they are unpredictable and at the same time a rather desperate regime, and we have to approach this in a very careful way."

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German police

WIESBADEN, Germany (AFP) — Drug squad officers have seized 10,000 tablets of the "ecstasy" drug and arrested seven suspects, Hesse State police said Monday. Police moved in on the three Germans and four Dutchmen as the tablets changed hands at a motorway halt near Aachen. Favoured for consumption at so-called "techno" parties, the drug is generally manufactured by illegal laboratories in the Netherlands.

## Thank you for not smoking, or go to jail

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysians who dare to light up in designated no-smoking areas or on public transport face jail sentences under a new law, the Health Ministry said Monday. Offenders can be fined 5,000 ringgit (\$2,000) or imprisoned for up to two years under a law approved by parliament last week, the national news agency, Bernama, said. The law, which comes into force on May 15, also bans all forms of cigarette advertising and promotions except for inhouse magazines.

## Gold-and-diamond gameboy offered for \$81,000

LONDON (R) — The exclusive Harrods Department Store is selling a gold and diamond-encrusted version of the popular Gameboy toy for £55,000 (\$81,000) as a Christmas stocking-filler for the very rich. The independent newspaper said Monday the toy, which normally sells for £50 (\$73.80), was commissioned by Harrods as a Christmas gift. Harrods is also offering a two kg (4.4 lb) solid gold jelly-bean dispenser, again studded with diamonds. for £220,000 (\$324,500), including the gold sovereigns to get the jellybeans out. "We're not 100 per cent sure someone will buy the jelly-bean machine in time for Christmas, but we do helieve it will sell," a spokeswoman for Harrods said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Major pledges no amnesty for extremists

LONDON (R) - British Prime Minister John Major, eager to reassure Protestant unionists opposed to a united Ireland, pledged Monday there would be no amnesty for extremists jailed in the Northern Ireland conflict. Despite a flurry of fresh peace initiatives, weekend statements by key figures in the provinces showed that big obstacles still exist to ending a conflict that has taken more than 3,000 lives and injured more than 40,000 people since 1969. Leading unionist James Molyneaux blasted attempts by the British and Irish governments to find a joint peace formula, while Irish Republican leader Martin McGuinness accused Mr. Major of turning his back on peace. Mr. Major, eager to seize what he believes is the best chance for peace in 25 years, was quick to scotch reports that convicted extremists would be pardoned if a solution could be found to one of the world's longest-running guerrilla conflicts. "No such planning exists. Reports of an amnesty in Northern Ireland are wholly wrong," a spokesman at Mr. Major's London Downing Street residence said

## At least 27 killed in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Political violence killed at least 27 people in Johannesburg's satellite black townships over the weekend, police reported Monday. An apparent taxi war claimed five lives in Natal province. Police spokeswoman Li-utenant Janine Smith said police found the bodies of 15 people Saturday in East Rand townships, main focus of violence in the Johannesburg area in recent months. Five people were shot dead in one home. The bodies of 12 more people killed in township violence were found Sunday. In Natal, police said unknown gunmen killed five people when they opened fire on a minibus taxi near Nongome in the northern part of the province Sunday. Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said the attackers opened fire with AK-47 rifles on the taxi travelling to Johannesburg. The driver was shot in the head and died instantly. Maj. Naidoo said initial investigations indicated the killings were the result of a taxi war between rival operators.

## 4 die as sky diver hits plane

NORTHAMPTON, Massachusetts (R) — Four people were killed after a free-falling sky diver collided with a light plane Sunday, causing the plane to crash, but sustaining only a broken ankle himself, state police said Monday. Police said the Cessna Warrior, on a flight from Poughkeepsie, New York, to Boston, crashed when the parachutist, who had been dropped by another aircraft, collided with the tail section of the plane. The plane went into a tailspin and crashed near Northampton, Massachusetts, killing the pilot and all three passengers, police said. The parachutist, whom police named as Aan Peters, landed safely and sustained only a broken right ankle. His age and hometown were not available. Police also said they were not releasing the names of the crash victims.

## Soviet troops in Katyn got cash bonus

WARSAW (AFP) — Soviet special troops who massacred nearly 5,000 Polish officers at Katyn Forest in 1940, were given a cash bonus for carrying out the job, according to an NKVD document showed Sunday on Polish Television. The document dated October 1940 and proceed by the state of the state dated October 1940 and signed by the then NKVD secret police chief Lavrentii Beria listed 44 NKVD officers given a bonus equal to their monthly salary and 81 lower-grade officials who received 800 roubles.

## Moscow demands Armenian apology MOSCOW (Agencies) - Rus-

sia demanded a public apology Monday from Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosyan over an attack on a Russian peace envoy on the Armenia-Azeri border.
Foreign Minister Andrei

Kozyrev, in his toughest public remarks yet towards Armenia, threatened a complete cut in Russian aid to the landlocked Transcaucasian state. Moscow's mediation would only resume when the safety of its envoys was guaranteed, he Cars carrying President

Boris Yeltsin's personal envoy Vladimir Kazimirov, seeking to negotiate an end to a fiveyear territorial conflict between Azerbarjan and Armenia, came under fire from the Armenian side of the border Saturday. He was unhurt but members of his entourage were wounded.

Mr. Kozyrev dismissed Armenia's explanation that the Azeris had changed a previously-agreed route without in-

forming the Armenian side.
"The government resolutely denounces this act... and demands an immediate public

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nian leadership," a Russian government statement said. "It reserves the right to take the most resolute actions to exclude such incidents in future."
"If something like that happened to an American diplo-

seen an aircraft carrier by now," Mr. Kozyrev added. He made a veiled warning that Moscow could intervene more directly in the region, saying the dispute centred on the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave in Azerbaijan was beginning to threaten Russia's

mat... I am sure we would have

national interests.
"The note which Armenian
Foreign Minister Vagan Papazian sent me is an inacceptable piece of paper in which he tries as usual to disclaim Armenia's responsibility," he told

the press conference.

"Papazian's piece of paper does not represent the view of President Levon Ter-Petrossian. There is no doubt that the supreme leadership will respond rapidly to our demand for an official apology," Mr. Kozyrev said.

Mr. Kazimirov, also at the press conference, said the jeep leading his car's escort was targetted by machinegun fire apology from the top Arme-

oy Aumenians as his delegation prepared to cross the frontier near Kazakh, in northwestem Azerbaijan. Mr. Kazimirov has for the

last two years been leading diplomatic efforts in the region to settle the conflict over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh Mr. Kozyrev said Russia

would only resume diplomatic efforts if it received an of al and public apology. If not, ne said, Moscow may have to use "other methods" to settle the dispute. "I think I have been clear enough," he added. Mr. Kozyrev rejected

charges of neo-imperialism in the region. "We want to make our partner understand that the conflict has reached the stage where it is threatening Russian national interests." he

"The flood of refugees and operations have reached a level where other forces risk being drawn into the situation," he said, adding that Russia had "geostrategic in-terests and historic links" with Nagorno-Karabakh.

The war is beginning to threaten "Russia's national security," he said.



# Sampras finishes on a osing note, but stays No.1

RANKFURT (Agencies) lichael Stich played his best mnis of the year and Pete orst. The outcome was pre-

Stich became the new No. 2 the world by beating Sam-les 7-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 Sunday win the ATP Tour World

hampionship.
The loss in the last match of e tour left a little blemish on il Ge'e impras' record, but did not s Chinas

fect his No. 1 ranking. Sampras was heading home Tampa, Fla., Monday. He is a date with Vitas Gerulaitis stich's season is not over. e will lead Germany in the avis Cup final on Dec. 3-5 in uesseldorf.

"Five weeks in a row in rrope and maybe there at the d I just got a little mentally ed," Sampras said after the set defeat.

But Sampras wasa't looking r excuses.

"I had my chances today, t when we get to crunch time seems to get through it. day he deserved to win. He n played a little bit more id than I did. But I will get

er it," Sampras said.
"It's disappointing," Sams said. "But I obviously had reat year and I can hold my id up high."

Stich blasted 27 aces in his tory, while Sampras only i 11. He led the tour this son with a total of 1,011

'It's a great finish to a great -r," Stich said after prevent-Sampras from winning his h final in a row. amoras had an even greater

r, but he faded in the last Ie dropped his serve in the

ning game and struggled tich won both key tiebreaks

inst Sampras, bringing his reak record this season to

Everybody tends to play a loose the first couple of ats in a breaker. I try to to be 100 per cent there on C 1223 first point. That pays off," h said.

le fired 12 aces in the final

In the fourth set he just ed huge, I had no chance," ipras said. "The air was out he balloon. ich collected \$1.24 million

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for his sixth title on the year and became the second German in a row to win the tourending event. Boris Becker won last year but failed to

qualify this time. "After the (1991) Wimbledon victory, this is for sure the most important win I had," Stich said. "I can say I am playing my best tennis of the whole year right now."

He moved one place up in the computer rankings to No. 2, replacing Jim Courier, who dropped to third. For the second time in his career, Stich won titles on all four surfaces in a vear.

Sampras, whose eight titles this year included Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, took home \$160,000.

That brought his earnings to \$3,648,075 for the year, the biggest annual purse in the history of the tour.

His 1993 singles record of 83-15 was the best since Ivan Lendl went 84-7 in 1985 and he was the first to win eight titles in a year since Lendl won 10 in

Meanwhile no matter how big a tournament Stich wins, it seems he cannot escape the shadow cast by Becker.

Although Stich moved second in the rankings behind Sampras, Becker remains king of German termis in the eyes of many of his countrymen. Stich avoided questions ab-

out his popularity at the postfinal news conference but when asked how he thought a German crowd might react if he were to play Becker now he replied: "I do not know and I do not want to think about it." Although Stich failed to win

a Grand Slam crown this year, the former Wimbledon champion tallied up five titles coming into this event. Most of the festhalle fans

were behind Stich as he halted Sampras's run, but this has not

always been the case.

After losing to three-times
Wimbledon champion Becker in the same event in 1991, Stich was openly crushed by the biased crowd.

He complained bitterly about how most of the crowd cheered Becker on while he himself received virtually no

support.
Since that time his public rows with Becker over Davis Cup participation have made German newspaper headlines.

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Declarer ruffed the opening heart

lead and led dummy's nine of trumps. When East followed low, so

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declarer drew trumps and ran dia-monds, making 12 tricks in all. Taking a first-round trump fi-

nesse was more than just a safety play. It was an avoidance maneuver

to keep the danger hand off play.

Since West more than likely held
the ace of clubs, denying East the
lead would protect the king of clubs

from the guillotine. And the finesse had to be taken immediately, since

declarer needed a trump in dummy to protect against further heart leads. Even if the trump finesse lost.

How would you tackle the hand in a duplicate pair competition? Most pairs should buy the hand at four

spades or higher, so the safety play should be avoided in favor of mak-

ing all the tricks with normal breaks. Ruff the heart lead, cross to

the queen of diamonds and rolf an-

other heart. Now draw trumps and,

if they break 3-2, you have the rest.

Unfortunately, that's down one.

declarer was sure of 11 tricks.

# Barcelona shock throws Spanish race wide open

PAIRS (AFP) — A stunning defeat for Barcelona by bottom-of-the-table Lerida threw the Spanish title race wide open at the weekend and left six sides tied at the top.

Newly-promoted Lerida, who had not won at the Nou Camp for 43 years, snatched an 86th minute winner through defender Quesada Jaime after Brazilian striker had missed a penalty.

That left the Catalan club tied on 16 points with Sevilla, Valencia, Deportivo La Coru-na, Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao. Sevilla could have gone top but were beaten 1-0 by Valencia while Deportivo vo\_crushed Real Oviedo 4-0. Barcelona's coach Johan Cruyff, who watched his team

do everything but score, said: "I suppose that some of my players were still thinking of playing in the World Cup. Valencia's hero was Bulgarian Luboslav Penev, still jubilant after the pass that led to Bulgaria's last-minute World

Cup winner against France last week. He netted the only goal of the game in the 25th minute. Real Madrid, reduced to ten men in the closing minutes when Luis Milla was sent off, were lucky to hang on for their 2-1 win over Celta Vigo that ano (13) and Ramis (80) got Real's goals. Losada scored on controversially disallowed.

the stroke of half-time for Celta, who had a late equaliser Jose Angel Ciganda scored

put them at the top for the first

Chilean striker Ivan Zamor-

time this season.

Athletic Bilbao's winner at Sporting Gijon.
A 25-yard shot from Sweden's Thomas Brolin (63)

and a freekick from midfielder Gianfranco Zola (85) gave Parma victory over Atalanta and kept them on top of the Italian League — but only on goal difference from champions AC Milan. The two sides clash next Milan, who left out Jean-

Pierre Papin because of exhaustion after France's Bulgarian trauma, needed two equally superb goals to secure a 2-1 victory over Napoli. Fabio Pecchia had put the visitors in first-half injury time but Christian Panucci (61) equalised with a beatifully

metrio Albertini converted a 25-yard freekick one minute from time. Sampdoria also had to come from behind after Foggia had

taken a 12th minute lead

curled shot with his left foot

and midlfielder defender De-

through Dutch winger Brian

Roy's compatriot Ruud Gullit continued his rich run of form with a 24th minute equaliser after running on to a David Platt cross.

Roberto Mancini missed a penalty for Sampdoria before bald winger Attilo Lombardo got the winner 14 minutes from time to leave the Genovese club a point behind Milan and

## European Soccer

Juventus needed a scrambled equaliser six minutes from the end from German defender Jurgen Kohler to stop Cagliari winning in the Stadio Delle

The Sardinians had gone ahead midway through the second half through Belgian midfielder Luis Barroso de Oliveira but the loss of Francesco Moreiro, sent off ten minutes later, allowed Juventus back into the game. Alen Boksic and Paolo

Futre, two of the players offloaded by cash-strapped Olympique Marseille scored their first goals in Italy for Lazio and

Croat striker Boksic headed

Lazio ahead in the Olympic Stadium but Torino came back through on Andrea Silenzi penalty (66) and former Lazio midfielder Angelo Gregucci

Futre put Reggiana on the road to a 2-0 win over Cremonese - their first of the season. But the dream debut turned into a nightmare when the Portugal forward was stretchered off in the closing minutes. He is expected to have knee surgery this week

and be out for two months.

Marcel Desailly, the third former Marseille star auctioned off, made an impress-ive debut for Milan in midfield suggesting Fabio Capello sees him as a replacement for Frank Rijkaard rather than just a stopper.

But it was a miserable weekend for the trio's old club. Marseille were thumped 3-0 in front of their own supporters for the second time this season. Auxerre did the damage with goals from Corentin Martins (16), Christophe Cocard (78) and Lidian Laslandes

Paris Saint Germain's David Ginola, who carried the can for France's World Cup failure after losing possession at the

start of the crucial Bulgarian move, bounced back with a 12th minute strike in his club's 2-1 win at Toulouse.

Brazilian midfielder Valdo. who made Ginola's goal, then scored the winner to put PSG back on top of the league. Previous leaders Bordeaux

were held to a 1-1 draw by newly-promoted Martigues while Monaco needed a penalty save from Jean Luc Ettori to earn a point against Le Havre. In Holland, an own-goal by veteran international defender John De Wolf gifted third-

placed Vitesse Arnhem a draw against Dutch champions Feyenoord Sunday, enabling Ajax to close the gap to one point at the top of the table. Feyenoord, who have yet to be beaten this season, had looked to be heading for their 11th victory after striker John

penalty. Ajax meanwhile continued their freescoring form with four second-half goals against FC Groningen.

Van Loen's 34th minute

Clarence Seedorf broke the deadlock after 55 minutes and the Amsterdam giants killed the game in a five-minute burst that saw strikes from international winger Marc Overmars, Nigerian George Finidi and

But Liverpool, with John

Barnes returning from injury as a second-half substitute to

help stop the rot in the second

half, might have cut the deficit

with a late rally with goalkeep-

er Mike Hooper saving from Robbie Fowler and Jamie Red-

Newcastle United manager

Kevin Keegan hailed the beating of his former club Liver-

pool as "the best we've played

Keegan watched in delight as an Andy Cole hat-trick in the first half-hour wrapped up

the points for his rampant side.

"The first-half performance has got to be the best we have

played in my time here.
"I know we were 6-0 at half

time in the first division last

year but this was the Premier

League and this was Liverpool.

to expect the second-half to

continue in the same vein and I

was left feeling a bit flat when

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"It was probably too much

And afterwards he said:

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Sweden's Stefan Pettersson. iness-In Germany, the misery confinal tinued for Bayern Munick, six when the Bayarian giants were lance held to a 1-1 draw with base-putty ment club Schalke 04, whigetter have lost 10 af their 1 kin in matches. matches. Bayern, still reeling from their UEFA Cue, defeat by Norwich, went ahead through

Christian Nerlinger in the 73rd
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Leaders Eintracht Frankfurt muse be despurate for the Christmas break after a second-consecutive 3-0 loss saw their

advantage over Bayern cut to This time Cologne did the damage with three goals in the last haif-hour Friday. Austrian international Toni Polster broke the deadlock with a 62nd minute strike, Rico Steinmann

got the second three minutes later and Horst Heldt completed the rout 16 minutes from the end. FC Porto won the big matcharty in Portugal when a sixth mi-sing nute strike from Domingosorts gave them victory over Bobby sys-

Robson's Sporting Lisbon. : to

That allowed Porto to move relevel with Benfica, who were: of stunned 5-2 by Setubal.

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you really know you are get conting somewhere."

Keegan also praised hat and trick hero Cole. "I am delight-hile

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'I know it sounds daft wheng to Andy has scored three goalsica-but that was one of his quieter the

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ness admitted: "We got a doing in the first-half although also

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## NEWCASTLE, England (AFP) — Andy Cole illus-trated why he could be Eng-Neil Ruddock as Newcastle turned on a soccer feast for an all-ticket home crowd and the television audience watching

Nightmare year ends with Graf victory

NEW YORK (R) — A sensational year for Steffi Graf, but a nightmare season for women's tennis, finally came to an end with the German star's victory over Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at the Virginia Slims championships Sunday. With her vaunted forehand

blazing, Graf, pounded out a 6-1 6-4 3-6 6-1 victory over the exhausted Spaniard to claim her 10th title of the year and raise her 1993 earnings to a single-season record of \$2,821,337,

Graf reached the final of 14 of 15 tournaments she played and finished the year with an impressive 76-6 record, losing just one match since May 2. "I'm incredibly happy. I hạd so much successes, it's been a great, year," Graf said after picking up her \$250,000 win-ner's check for her third yearend title at Madison Square

Garden, but first since 1989. "To end the year winning this tournament, it couldn't be any better," added the 24year-old world number one. Among Graf's remarkable list of accomplishments for 1993 was her third French

Open title, fifth Wimbledon crown and third U.S. Open victory. The 1993 record book will show that Graf dominated the women's game like no one has

since —

well since Monical Seles just last year. And there is the rub. The year will always be remembered as the one in which a deranged fan jumped from the stands during a tournament in Hamburg and plunged a knife into the back of the best tennis

player in the world. While Graf's year is impressive by any standard, it will always be tainted by the fact that all her major titles came after Seles was violently forced

out of the picture. The one meeting this year between Graf and Seles, who has not played since the April 30 stabbing, came in the final of the Australian Open, won

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Yugoslav would have been defending champion at the French Open, the U.S. Open and at the season-ending championships, which she won in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Ironically, the one person as happy as Graf Sunday may be Guenter Parche, the German who attacked Seles because he said he wanted to Graf to be number one again.

So when Sunday's final concluded on a high note for Graf. there was an almost palpable sigh of relief that the women's tennis year that everyone would like to forget was finally

"I'm happy to have a break now, very happy, and I'm looking for some time away from tennis," Graf said.
"What I will concentrate on

the next few weeks is to get healthy, to get injury free," added Graf, who played the past two weeks with lower back pain and for much of the year with a foot injury that required surgery in October.

Even without attack on Seles, 1993 was not exactly a banner year for women's tennis. In addition to Graf, several

top players suffered injuries and illnesses, including Mary Jose Fernandez, who had

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abdominal surgery in September, and Jennifer Capriati, whose elbow injury has kept her sidelined since a miserable showing at the U.S. Open.

The popular Gabriela Sabatini has had her confidence shattered by going 26 tournaments without a title. She went out in the first round of the season finale to complete her first year without at least one title since 1985.

And rising star Mary Pierce suffered the indignity of having her abusive father banned from all tournaments after he was thrown out of the French Open for his boorish behaviour. She has since sought legal action to keep her father away and is anxious as anyone to put 1993 behind her. "This tournament has

helped me a lot," said Pierce, who enjoyed breakthrough wins over Sabatini and Martina Navratilova at the season

"Hopefully I have some-thing to look forward to next year.

To add insult to injury, Kraft General Foods decided not to renew their option as the primary sponsor of the women's tennis tour, leaving the WTA to search for new sponsorship next year.

land's brightest hope up front with a hat-trick for Newcastle

The St. James' Park crowd 3-0 premiership win.

With displays like these,

In freezing temperatures, Cole turned up the heat with pace and shooting accuracy to finish off Liverpool, who dominated English football during the 80's.

for the season to 21 and he showed that he has come of

to carve open Liverpool as he pounced to stab home Robert Lee's cross from the left and

took advantage down Liverpool's left flank.

fourth game of the season, ran on to Peter Beardsley's defence-splitting pass to centre for Cole to glance home a low shot into the bottom far corner.

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belaar in the 38th minute while Cole saw another close-range effort beaten out by the busy

Lee Clark looked destined to score his first of the season before a last-ditch block by

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# Cole shows England credentials

against former European champions Liverpool Sunday.

were treated to an exhibition of finishing by the 21-year-old striker, who was man-of-thematch in the northern club's

Cole is almost certain to be one of the first choice's up front for the successor to current England manager Graham Taylor.

Cole's treble took his tally

It took him just four minutes

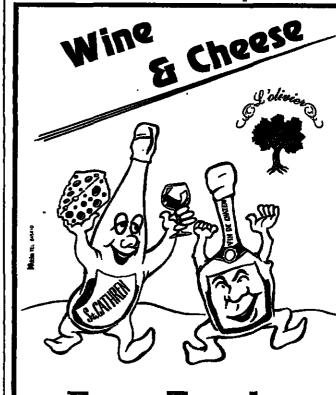
beat goalkeeper Bruce Grob-King Cole made it 2-0 after 16 minutes as Newcastle again

Scott Sellars, in only his

And then on the half-hour Sellars put another one on the plate for the rampant Cole, who duly struck to claim his third hat-trick of the season and few at St James' Park, Liverpool excluded, were complaining that he looked a yard

The scoreboard above a gloating gallowgate end flashed the message: "It's the Cole goal show," and the striker and Newcastle could have

Sellars was denied by Grob-



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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Arab boycott of Israel to continue — league

CAIRO (R) — The Arab boycott of Israel will continue until the Jewish state withdraws from all occupied Arab lands and a Palestinian state is established, Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid said Monday. "We want to end the boycott but the reasons that led to its imposition — the continuation of the occupation and the need for Palestinians to gain their rights - are still valid," Dr. Abdul Meguid told reporters. He was speaking after an Arab League Council session requested by Libya to urge Arab states to maintain the boycott. After the signing of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace deal in September, Israel and the United States called on Arab countries to lift the boycott. The U.S. House of Representatives Sunday condemned the boycott as an impediment to Middle East peace, and urged the Arab League to work to end it. (See page 2). Dr. Abdul Meguid denied reports that some Arab states had requested the lifting of the boycott.

## **PLO turns down Swedish proposal**

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has turned down an offer by Sweden to build accommodation in Jericho for refugees and administrative personnel, office buildings and an airport, the Swedish development aid ministry said Monday. Swedish Aid Minister Alf Svensson had been holding discussions with the PLO on the project which was to have cost 40 million kronor (\$5 million), financed by money already set aside for development aid. The question of Swedish support for the Israeli-PLO peace process was expected to be discussed when PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat visits Sweden on Nov. 26. Fc!lowing the peace accord signed in September between Israel and the PLO, Sweden increased its aid to the Palestinians by 50 million kronor (\$6.25 million) to 225 million kronor (\$28 million).

## Iran resumes train service to Khorramshahr

NICOSIA (R) — Iran resumed passenger train services to Khorramshahr port near the Gulf Monday, 13 years after they stopped at the outset of the Iran-Iraq war, Tehran Radio said. Khorramshahr, then Iran's biggest commercial port on the Shatt Al Arab border river, was occupied by Iraqi troops for 19 months at the start of the eight-year conflict. The city is still largely in ruins and only a fraction of its pre-war population has returned since fighting stopped in 1988 under a U.N.-brokered ceasefire. The radio said one train a day would make the nearly 19-hour journey.

## Bomb hoax on plane to Israel

NICOSIA (R) - A bomb threat which forced a Greek Airbus bound for Israel to make an emergency landing in Cyprus turned out to be a hoax, airport officials said Monday. The Olympic Airways flight from Athens to Tel Aviv put down at Paphos in southwest Cyprus on Sunday and the 210 passengers spent the night in a hotel while experts combed the aircraft. "They are leaving now, all passengers are okay, it was only a bomb boax," a Paphos airport officer told Reuters. The control tower at Paphos had earlier described the plane variously as a Boeing 747 Jumbo jet and a Boeing 737.

## Lawyer for bomb victims advising Libya

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawyer representing familes of five victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing has been paid by the Libyan government for advice on turning over two suspects in the case, according to a published report. Lawyer F. Lee Bailey travelled to Libya in August to advise officials on bow judicial systems work in various countries in the event that Libya decided to turn the suspects in, the National Law Journal reported in its Monday edition. Mr. Bailey told the Journal he saw no conflict in representing the victims' families while advising the Libyans on 'what the means of surrender should be. The families would be in favour of that. The purpose of my going there was to facilitate their return to somewhere." Mr. Bailey said he did not inform his clients of une visit to l'idya decause it nad not deen made public. *Hie* stressed that he was not representing the suspects, but merely advising the government on options for their surrender. Elizabeth Phillips, former president of victims of Pan Am 103, said she did not think the families "would want to have him represent Libya." Mr. Bailey said he told the Libyans the United States will not "settle for anything less than a Scottish trial," and that even an acquittal there would not stop further prosecutions, he told the Journal. He said the Libyans found his advice "not helpful, not cheerful."

## **Gunmen wound 4 in south Egypt**

CAIRO (AP) — Unidentified gunmen Monday shot at a police checkpoint in southern Egypt, wounding three policemen and a civilian. The attack comes one day after assailants shot and killed three policemen and a civilian and wounded three other bystanders in a public square in the southern town of Quea. Police did not identify the shooters in either attack, but their style conforms to that of Muslim extremists who frequently launch attacks on police, especially in the south.

## Jibril vows to continue struggle against Israel

DAMASCUS (AP) — Palestinian leader Ahmad Jibril has pledged that his guerrillas will continue to fight against Israel in alliance with the Shi'ite Muslim fundamentalist Hizbollah. Mr. Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, said Sunday the Sept. 13 peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians would only bring "humiliation and defeat." Addressing a graduation ceremony for his fighters, he bitterly attacked Yasser Arafat as a "docile tool in the hands of U.S.-Zionist policy." Mr. Jibril also attacked Mr. Arafat for his condemnation of a recent attack that killed an Israeli settler. Mr. Jibril, whose movement is based in Damascus, said "the PFLP-GC will continue its fight and struggle against the Zionist enemy, thus allying itself with Hizbollah in Lebanon and with other national and Islamic

## Clerides calls for U.S. pressure on Turkey

NICOSIA (AP) — President Glafcos Clerides urged the United States on Monday to pressure Turkey to withdraw from his war-divided island. "The United States, more than any other country in the world, has sufficient influence in Ankara to be able to convince the Turkish government to change its intransigent stand on Cyprus," Mr. Clerides told new U.S. Ambassador Richard A. Boucher. The U.S. envoy, who was presenting his credentials, said that the status quo in Cyprus was not a solution. "My country will continue to give its steadfast support to the efforts of the United Nations secretary-general to assist the people of Cyprus reach a mutually acceptable solution," said Mr. Boucher, familiar to Americans as a former State Department spokesman. Responding to Mr. Boucher's address, Mr. Clerides said a just settlement was prevented by "the intransigence of the Turkish side, the contempt it shows toward the will of the international community and the flagrant violation of United Nations

## Kuwait, Russia to sign pact by Dec. 2

KUWAIT (R) - Russia and Knwait will sign a defence agreement between Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 providing for possible arms sales and joint military exercises, the Russian ambassador said Monday. The accord is aimed at improving Kuwait's defences and will allow Russia to become more deeply engaged in securing peace and stability in the Gulf, Ambassador Peter Stegny said. "By beginning it we are engaging ourselves more deeply in securing peace and stability in the Gulf," he told Reuters. "Its (the accord's) main provisions are aimed at development of close cooperation to assure a higher level of Kuwaiti defence capability — exchange of delegations of defence ministries and general staffs of the two countries, joint manoeuvres and training, purchase of armaments," Mr. Stegny said in an interview.

# PLO generals visit Gaza to plan police deployment

(Agencies) — Two Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) generals crossed into the occupied Gaza Strip from Egypt on Monday on an unprecedented visit to plan the de-ployment of a Palestine police force, Palestinian sources said. Generals Abdul Razeq Al

Majaydeh and Abdullah Farah were to examine the possibility of housing Palestinian police units in military camps which Israeli troops will evacuate under the Israel-PLO peace deal, Israel radio said.

The Palestinian sources said the generals would be accompanied by Israeli officials dur-

ing their day-long tour.
Three PLO colonels and 22 new police recruits, who just completed a two-month training course in Egypt, are to enter Gaza Tuesday to check out possible local training sites, the sources said.

An Israeli military pullout from Gaza and the occupied West Bank town of Jericho is due to start on Dec. 13 under the terms of the Israel-PLO accord on limited Palestinian self-ruie.

Palestinian police will be in charge of security in the two areas but the Israeli army will remain in and around Jewish Israel has begun calling up

army reservists to assist in the withdrawal. Israeli media on Monday published the text of a letter, accompanying call-up notices sent to a reserve transport company, in which the unit's

AMMAN (J.T.) — President

Bill Clinton has named a new

ambassador to Jordan, the

U.S. Information Service

(USIS) announced Monday. Mr. Clinton nominated Wes-

ley W. Egan, Jr., on Nov. 16 as

ambassador extraordinary and

plenipotentiary of the United

States to Jordan, a USIS press

Ambassador-designate

Egan, 47, will assume his duties in Jordan following his

confirmation by the U.S. Sen-

He succeeds Roger Harri-

son, who left Jordan in July

and afterwards retired from

of an Egyptian Islamic militant group said former veterans of

the war in Afghanistan were

not involved in recent attacks

by militants in Egypt, in an interview published here

Ayman Al Zawabri, a

founder of the Talaeh Al Fatah (Vanguards of Conquest) movement, told the opposition weekly Al Arabi: "Most young

people involved in recent (mili-

tant) operations have never been to Afghanistan."

Mr. Zawahri, himself sought

by the Egyptian authorities, said the assassination attempt against Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi in

Cairo on Aug. 18 was a "suicide operation," which he

had planned. Talaeh Al Fatah said it car-

ried out the attack, in which

General Alfi was seriously

wounded and three civilians

and the two assailants were

Mr. Zawahri, who went to

fight Soviet troops in Afghanistan in the 1980s, now lives in

The Egyptian authorities have accused Islamic militants

living in Afghanistan and

Pakistan of masterminding

attacks in Egypt, and Cairo has

been seeking their extradition

nuddin Rabbani has pledged to

remove all threats to Egypt's

security from Afghan territory.

where hundreds of the Egyp-

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Rabin said Sunday that the

Dec. 13 target date for starting

the pullout was "not a holy

implemented before reaching

agreement on the major issues,

first and foremost the security

On Sunday another Palesti-

nian group said its fighters operating in the Gaza Strip

attacked Israeli soldiers in the

town of Rafah, killing or

wounding a number of them.

of such an attack.

Israel denied any knowledge

issues," Mr. Rabin said.

"Nothing will start to be

Prime Minister Yitzhak

'Suicide bomber'

Afghan President Burha-

Monday.

killed.

Geneva.

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date.

ate, the release said.

Clinton nominates Egan

as ambassador to Jordan

Afghan 'veterans' not involved

in recent attacks — leader

commander explained to his men the purpose of their 30day stint.
"As you know, Israel is in-

volved in moves which I hope will lead to peace," he wrote. "Part of the process is the (military) evacuation of Gaza and Jericho, according to the decision of the government.

The best units of the transport centre have been chosen for this operation. Our unit is the first to be picked for this job and I hope you also want to take part in this process."

Meanwhile, a first batch of the 600 Palestinian police

being trained in Egypt gradu-ated Monday and are going home to take up their duties.

The 22 graduates dressed in Green Fatigues — with Palesti-nian flag patches on their shoulders — received certifi-cates from Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfy.

Minister Hassan Al Alfy.

"This is a great day for the
the Palestinian people," said
Nabil Shaheen, 29, who raised
the Palestinian flag for the
ceremony at the Egyptian
police's Institute of Higher

The graduates, mainly from the Gaza Strip, will return home Tuesday to await Israel's withdrawal.

Some 15,000 to 20,000 Palestinian policemen are due to replace the Israeli troops, in addition to the 600 being trained in Egypt, more than 2,500 have graduated from Jordan's Royal Police Academy. About half the Palestinian police will be fighters from the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

Ambassador-designate Egan

is a career member of the

Senior Foreign Service class of

minister-counselor. His foreign

cludes: deputy chief of mission in Cairo in 1990-1993, deputy chief of mission in Lisbon in

1987, ambassador to Bissau in 1983, deputy chief of mission in Lusaka in 1979, and political officer in Lisbon in 1977-1979.

Mr. Egan graduated from

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., 1968).

He was born January 21, 1946

former Virginia Warren and

Mr. Egan is married to the

in Madison, Wisconsin.

tian militants are based.

A statement issued at the

end of Mr. Rabbani's visit to

Egypt said the Afghan presi-

dent "condemned terrorism in

all its forms, and stressed he

would not allow Afghan terri-

tory to be used to undermine

It did not say whether Mr.

Egypt's security and stability.'

Rabbani agreed to an Egyptian

recruest for a bilateral extradi-

tion treaty to be signed, so that

Islamic militants already con-

victed by Egptian courts could be sent back from Afgha-

Mr. Zawahri warned that

Talaeh Al Fatah would "once

again be visible on the ground," and a committee of

Islamic scholars had been in-

structed by the movement to

issue religious death sentences

to be carried out by the mili-

Talaeh Al Fatah aimed to

establish an Islamic state "that

strives to liberate (occupied)

Muslim territories, starting

with Jerusalem, and to liberate

the Muslim nation from econo-

mic dependence on the West,"

Asked whether his move-

ment was planning to assassin-

ate U.N. Secretary General

Boutros Ghali, Mr. Zawahri

said: "The Muslims in Bosnia,

Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Palestine and Egypt are wait-

ing for Ghali to be elimin-

Al Arabi said it interviewed

The Popular Front for the

Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

said in a statement the attack

was launched at 10 a..m. (0800

GMT) and the fighters re-

turned safely to their base. It

did not say how many soldiers

"Our fighters attacked a

gathering of the enemy's sol-

diers at the Rafah crosspoint

using automatic guns and hand

grenades killing or wounding a

number of occupation sol-diers," the PFLP statement

Israeli military officials de-

nied there had been an attack

against their forces in Rafah on

Mr. Zawahri said.

him by fax.

were killed.

tion Army, the PLO military force in different Arab countries. Its members are supposed to gather soon in Egypt and Jordan to prepare for deployment. Said Kamal, the Palestinian

representative in Egypt, said he was overwhelmed by Monday's ceremony.

"I couldn't control my feelings when I saw my flag with the Egyptian flag. ... This is the first step of building the entity of the Palestinian people on Palestinian territory," he

Mr. Kamal refused to answer questions on whether the police would face problems with Israeli settlers. Some settlers have said they will not obey Palestinian officers.

Another fear is that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will use the new police to crack down on Palestinians opposed to peace with Israel. But several graduates interviews said they did not expect opposition to lead to confrontations. "God willing, we will all

come to an agreement," said Jihad Al Nasla from Gaza. Mr. Nasla, like others in the group, was a fighter with Mr. Arafat's mainstream Fateh faction of the PLO.

One of the trainees said he was jailed before he joined the programme, but others said they had never carried a gun before and were university

Most said what they were looking forward most to Israel's withdrawal from their

## Bury the hatchet. de Klerk pleads service career overseas in-

CAPE TOWN (AFP) — President Frederik de Klerk on Monday opened the last session of the country's apartheid parliament with an appeal to all South Africans to "bury the

"To much heckling from the pro-apartheid Conservative Party (CP), he said: "I hope that all South Africans will now bury the hatchet, will abide by the rules of the game and will begin to concentrate

ing election."
The three-week session will pass into law a new democratic constitution that will come into effect after South Africa's first non-racial elections, scheduled for April 27.

Mr. De Klerk appealed to all parties to endorse the new basic law, which, he said, "turns South Africa once and for and all into a rechtstaat — a state in which the rule of law is sovereign," adding that the dif-ference between the new constitution and the current one was "dramatic."

Right-wing parties have rejected the constitutional accord signalling the end of 300 years of white rule, which was ratified by democracy negotiators Thursday in Johannes-

burg. As Mr. De Klerk faced the caucus of his ruling National Party before the session opened, about 40 white extremists marched on parlia-ment to demand a whites-only election and a separate homeland for Afrikaners.

In a memorandum, the protestors said: "We victims of apartheid, we whites, demand recognition and a return to

CP leader Ferdi Hartzen-berg last week said Mr. De Klerk was "morally and consti-tutionally obliged" to call for a whites-only election, a point he is likely to repeat when he responds to Mr. De Klerk in parliament.

Emerging from the caucus, Mr. De Klerk denied reports of a split among pro-democracy and conservative members within his party.
"It was nothing but posi-

mood among NP members as they faced the end of white minority rule. Mr. De Klerk said he was certain the only dissent among the parliamentarians gathered

tive," he said, referring to the

here would be from CP mem-"I want to know exactly where they (the CP) stand on federalism," he said, adding that he expected tough oppso-

tion from the party Shortly before it opened, government chief negotiator Roelf Meyer describe the session as "an historical occa-

sion."
"It will do away with apartheid," he said. "It will get rid of what was wrong in the past, at the same time it will be substantive and provide the new rules by which South Africa will live."



Ramaliah Sunday as clashes continued following the Israeli killing of a 15-year-old student on Nov. 13 (AFP photo)

# **Palestinians want** elections, poll finds

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Most Palesti-nians in the Israeli-occupied territories want general élections to choose officials to run their affairs under the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) self-rule accord, an opinion poll released on Monday showed.

The survey of 1,855 Palesti-nians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip was conducted by the Centre for Palestine Research and Studies.

It showed a slight drop in support for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fateh movement since Sept. 10, three days before the accord was signed in Washington.

According to the poll, 73 per cent respondents said they wanted elections to choose members of the Palestinian council, a legislative body with limited powers that would supervise the activities of a selfgovernment authority for the

territories. Only 15.4 per cent said they would agree the council be

appointed by the PLO.
Under the accord, elections
must be held by July 13 to pick members of the council. Israel and the PLO, now negotiating wavs of implementing the agreement, are also to discuss election modalities.

The poll, which carried a one per cent margin of error, also showed 58 per cent of respondents wanted a multiparty system while only 18.7 per cent said they would choose an Islamic State.

Support of the Fatch movement has dropped from 45.6 per cent in September to 41.3 per cent now. The survey said the fall could stem from "unfulfilled political-economic expectations after the signing of the declaration of principles."

Mr. Nader said, who supervised the poll, said the centre plans to follow up with month-

ly surveys until the elections. "This is one way for bringing in the Palestinian people into the decision-making process in an objective, scientific way," he said.

The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas gathered more support from 13 to 14 per cent and George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine jumped from six to nine per cent. However, Islamic Jihad dropped from four to three per cent.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine went up from one per cent to more than two per cent.

But two pro-Arafat groups were credited with a combined six per cent compared with four per cent in October. Support for independent.

candidates dropped from 12 per cent to nine and for 'others" from 15 per cent to 14 per cent.

Under the Sept. 13 agreement, elections to a Palestinian autonomy council are due to be held by July 13.

# Lawyers shift blame for toddler's killing

PRESTON, England (R) — Defence lawyers for each of two 11-year-old boys accused of murdering a toddler attempted Monday to heap blame on the other defendant.

They also said it was ridiculous for prosecutors to claim that the two boys planned to kill two-year-old James Bulger when they lured him from his mother in a suburban Liverpool shopping mall on Feb. 12. For a murder conviction,

prosecutors must prove that one or both boys, aged 10 at the time, intended to kill or seriously harm the child and, because they are so young, that they knew this was an evil

thing to do.
"No one planned to do it," said Brian Walsh, defending the boy referred to as Child B who admits a part in the killing whose brutality and apparent senselessness shocked Britain. Mr. Walsh said B alone told

the truth and had shown real remorse. "the events that afternoon will haunt him for the rest of his life," he said, suggesting B could be convicted of manslaughter.

David Turner, defending child A, said it was "beyond belief" that children whose previous misdemeanours were shoplifting and truancy should commit such a diabolical crime as premediated, motiveless

Child A has said that he looked on in horror as B, once his best friend, bludgeoned Bulger to death with bricks and a heavy metal bar and dumped the body in a railway line where a train cut it in two.

If convicted of murder, the boys will be detained indefinitely. Even if acquitted, they are likely to spend many years in special state care. "A tragedy for the Bulger

family, yes, but also a tragedy for the familes of Child A and Child B," Mr. Turner told the jury in his closing speech.
"Whatever your verdict, these boys will never have normal lives, never have a normal

childhood again."

Both defence lawyers tried to blacken the jury's picture of the other boy and show that he played the greater, or only, part in the killing.

Mr. Turner said: (Child B), unhappily and tragically, carried out a sudden and sustained attack on little James."
Mr. Walsh said: "Mr. Turner is trying to do what his client did, namely to shift the blame for everything onto (B)

--- the boy who told the truth." Mr. Walsh said A had lied and argued throughout his questioning, unlike the sad boy he was defending who had been put off giving himself up only by the fear that his mother would no longer love him.

Both lawyers urged the jury to think of all the families involved. Bulger's mother has been too distressed to apepar in court and his father stopped attending after the first week.

"When James' body was found on St. Falentine's Day (Feb. 14), the city of Liverpool missed a heartbeat and the nation was shrouded in grief." Mr. Turner said. "This was not a tragedy of one family but of

## Group sends comfort to Bosnia in a little gift bar

TORONTO (AP) — It yas 🖁 bottle of Chanel that stopp the volunteers short as the packed gift bags of toiletrand other donated items women in war-ravaged Bosn Into each pretty cotton sa went basics that are now le uries in a war: Shamod toothpaste, toilet paper, deti gent, vitamins, deodorag socks, candles, a comb, a fre towel, pain relievers and ba wipes. But perfume? "If I v sitting up to my knees in m for a year ... If I'd gone throu the kind of devastating expe ence the women of Boss have, the waft of perfume co ing across my nose, I'd lo it," said Laurie Buc,"and who organised the proje Case closed. The Chanel we in. Buchanan, an Engly teacher at Toronto's Hum College, recruited about women to start the relief p ject, called Woman Woman. In early fall, the began to seek donation spreading the word throu church groups, synagogu schools and workplaces. I response was overwhelmi: Couriers showed up at Buc. nan's apartment, which v soon knee-deep in donation from across Canada So people donated money, wh was used to buy tights a socks. Others gave what mig be considered luxuries, such scented body lotion, or a shi new lipstick. Buchanan se they decided to sende the items, as well. "This is abo giving comforts to people," s said, "In that kind of spirit, send everything.'

## Bolger curse bites the hand that feeds it

WELLINGTON (AFP)

The celebrated curse asso-ated with New Zealand Print Minister Jim Bolger, whi one newspaper has claim? "continues to cut its dread, ' 🐣 🕆 swathe across world politics was Monday reported to having an impact on its author Bolger, who has previous been confused for Ray Bolg who played Strawman in it weekend APEC summit Seattle where he was mistak for Hong Kong Govern Chris Patten and new Car dian Prime Minister Je Chretien, reports said. To Bolger curse, as the day Dominion here labels it, ho that any leader Mr. Pole meets shortly thereafter los his or her job. An impress? list includes Japan's Kild Miyazawa, French Prin Ministers Edith Cresson a Michel Rocard, former Tikish Prime Minister Tur, Ozal, Vanuatu's Walter Li Australia's Bob Hawke, Sov Foreign Minister Bons Pa ken, U.S. President Geo Bush and Canada's Brian M roney. Two months after me ing Mr. Bolger Polish Pri Minister Hanna Suchoka looking for a job and Russ: Vice President Alexand Rutskoi may be regretting two meetings with Mr. Bolg As it was Mr. Bolger o narrowly missed losing his o job in elections this inort. Radio New Zealand (RN: reported Monday that a Seattelevision hired a fashion c sultant to rate the styles. each of the leaders attend the weekend retreat sessi Mr. Bolger was hailed for style, based on a perent brown leather jacket, but i continually referred to as Cl Patten. RNZ said to add to injury the New York Tu-Sunday ran a front page pho-graph of Mr. Bolger and Clinton—although Mr. Bol-was labelled as Chretien er

## Philippines first lady plays piano 🥆 in jazz concert(

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) The Executive Jazz Ba couldn't get President El Clinton to sit in on saxophod but the audience hardj seemed to care. After all, t 3,000 people who attended to concert Saturday night at 1 Tacoma Dome did get to he one of the newest members ' the 18-piece Filipino group Amelita Ramos, wife of Philpines President Fidel Ram She took solos on Lullahy Birdiand, the theme from Man And A Woman and R. Boogie. Listeners bounced! their chairs and cheered duri the concert, a fund raiser ! victims of the 1991 Mo Pinatubo eruption, K ip American youth activitisi a proposed Philippine office in the Pacific no

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